

**CITY OF PITTSBURG
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2001**

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CITIZENS REMARKS

There were no citizens remarks.

MEMBERS REMARKS

There were no members remarks.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Lewis inquired whether item d., also on the agenda under the City Council and Power Company should be voted on as one item, or whether it needed to be voted on separately under each Agency. The City Attorney responded that it must be voted on separately.

On motion by Council Member Aiello, seconded by Council Member Rios, to remove item c. from the calendar as this should have been listed as a Public Hearing, and was duly published on December 7, 2000, to otherwise unanimously adopt the Consent Calendar. **Vote: 5-0**

a. **MINUTES** Dated: December 4, 2000

Minutes of December 4, 2000 were approved.

- b. **RESOLUTION 01-757** Award of a Consultant Contract to Provide Architectural Services to Design the Pittsburg Senior Center (Contract 00-11)

Resolution No. 01-757 was adopted.

- d. **RESOLUTION 01-759** City Manager Contract

Resolution 01-759 adopted.

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

- c. **RESOLUTION 01-758** Authorizing Staff to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Employment Development Department Regarding the Premises at 415 Railroad Avenue

Deputy City Manager Yolanda Lopez presented the lease agreement. She stated the City is recommending in future years that the agreement be between the County and EDD. This agreement is for a one year period of time only.

When asked by Chair Quesada, Ms. Lopez stated the space that is occupied has not and will not change.

Council Member Aiello asked what the cost of the lease per square foot was. Ms. Lopez stated she did not have the exact footage, but that EDD only occupies a small portion of the building. She will advise the Council of the actual costs per square foot.

Chair Quesada opened the public hearing. There being no one to speak in favor of or against, Chair Quesada closed the public hearing.

On Motion by Member Rios, seconded by Member Aiello, with the provision that staff furnish the Council with the square footage and cost analysis, Resolution 01-758 was unanimously adopted.

Vote: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Redevelopment Agency, Chair Quesada adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m. to January 16, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary

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CITIZENS REMARKS

MR. DAVE JOHNSON, Pittsburg, wanted to thank the City for installing curb cuts in his neighborhood; however, some areas were missed along E. 10th St. at East St., Central and Moose Way near the skating rink - both on the north side of street. He also is concerned about street lighting and would like a pole put in on the 500 block of E. 12th St. He has been told that the lights are within tolerances with lights at the corner of Redwood and E. 12th and Harbor and E.12th. He would like to see a light between the existing standards. Mr. Johnson stated this is a bus route and there is a store there, and a light would be an effective crime deterrent and traffic safety issue. He is aware that PG&E would have to assist us. Mr. Johnson also brought up a problem with car batteries being dumped on E 12th St. He has called the Police Department and Code Enforcement, but batteries are still being dumped in the 500 block at Harbor and Redwood.

Mayor Quesada directed staff to look into these problems.

MR. BEN JOHNSON, Pittsburg had two issues for the Council, the first being notice of a workshop with CEC on January 22, 2001 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. here at City Hall regarding amendments for the energy center project.

Mr. Johnson=s second concern was how Calpine was allowed to begin building a line on properties without any easement or right of way. He stated housing issues are now a problem and he would like this issue addressed in writing. Mr. Johnson is also sending a letter to the CEC with his concerns. The City Attorney stated this matter is currently in litigation and cannot be discussed. Mayor Quesada assured Mr. Johnson that the City is attending to this issue.

BISHOP CURTIS TIMMONS, Pittsburg, wanted to address streets and lighting. He noted a safety concern mentioned before in his weekly newspaper column and also addressed to the school district office. Bishop Timmons is employed at Riverside High School at the corner of E. 10th and Black Diamond. He stated there are elementary, junior high school and high school students in that area, and the high school student population has more than doubled over last year. Children are trying to cross the street as early as 7:00 a.m. and cars speed by like a freeway. One student last year was very seriously hurt by a speeding car. Bishop Timmons is asking for placement of a stop light, stop sign, or at least more police presence during before and after-school hours. He stated he does not want someone killed before action is taken.

Council Member Aiello thanked Bishop Timmons for bringing this issue up, and feels we have an obligation to protect the youth and public in general. He feels a partnership needs to occur and the PUSD liaison committee will address this issue. Member Aiello also asked staff to look into a program that Mesa, AZ uses that involves Asped rolls@ to slow cars.

Council Member Lewis asked if there is a crossing guard at this location? When Bishop Timmons responded there was none, he stated the Council would be in agreement to fund our share for a crossing guard, along with stronger police presence.

Council Member Beals voiced her concern that we need police presence Citywide with speeding. She would like to see police presence there until the crossing guard issue is settled.

Mayor Quesada referred this item to the traffic committee.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Lewis requested the City Manager agendize the Council committee assignments for discussion under council consideration.

Council Member Aiello asked that Staff draft a letter for the Council to approve regarding articles recently written regarding power costs. Los Angeles has stated they have enough excess power for the Bay Area. Council Member Aiello would like to see a letter sent to our State Senators and Congressmen and local elected officials to put pressure on Los Angeles to share this electric power with Northern California under the APartnering in America@ premise. He noted that Northern California has shared its water resources with Southern California for many years.

Mayor Quesada commented on the unveiling of the Millennium Monument last Friday morning at Civic Park. He noted this is a regional monument and an opportunity for other Contra Costa cities to purchase a time capsule which will be opened in 25 years. He stated the event was well attended for a cold morning.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Casey reported on the Highway 4 situation that occurred today that shut down traffic on that highway. This area had become a grisly crime scene located just east of Bailey Rd. The Pittsburg Police Department took charge in the fact-finding. He stated the investigation would now be handled by the Antioch Police Department. Traffic did congest our streets for many hours, but our department did a good job at traffic control. He added that the Pittsburg Police Department is always ready to take charge and do an excellent job during any situation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Council Members, items a, b, d, i and f were removed for discussion. On motion by Council Member Aiello, seconded by Council Member Beals, to unanimously adopt the Consent Calendar after removing items a, b,d, i, and f. **VOTE 5-0**

- c. **CLAIMS** #1313 Leland Ward; #1357 Raymond Conner; #1362 Otto Richter; #1369 Diana Gonzalez; #1370(A&B) Sheila Henry; #1373 Carol Del Monte

Claims as listed above were denied.

- e. **RESOLUTION 01-9302** Approval and Authorization of a Petition to Intervene by the City of Pittsburg on the Application for Certification for the Contra Costa Power Plant Project

Resolution 01-9302 was adopted.

- g. **RESOLUTION 01-9304A** Participation and Use of Rule 20A Funds for the Undergrounding of Utilities for a Portion of Somersville Road

Resolution 01-9304A was adopted.

- h. **RESOLUTION 01-9304B** Use of 20A Funds and a Joint Operating Agreement with Antioch for Participation in the Somersville Road Underground District

Resolution 01-9304B was adopted.

- j. **RESOLUTION 01-9306** City Manager Contract

Resolution 01-9306 was adopted.

- k. **RESOLUTION 01-9307** Castlewood Drive Acquisition - Adopt the Negative Declaration

Resolution 01-9307 was adopted.

- f. **RESOLUTION 01-9303** Approving the Award of Contract for the Electronic Records Management System (ERMS) to the Lowest Responsive Bidder

Council Member Rios had a question regarding approving an item for \$42,616 for an Electronic Records Management System when the information received only appears to include a web enabler and does not say anything about providing software installation, training, or technical support. She wants to make sure the item is complete before expending that much money.

City Clerk Lillian Pride responded that all items were reviewed and the company selected provided best range of services available based on comparison with the other bidders. She does not have the breakdown as to the number of hours of training etc. When asked by Council Member Rios who the committee was comprised of that selected the system, Ms. Pride stated the committee consists of Records Manager of the Police Department, the Information Specialist, representatives from various departments and the Deputy City Clerk.

Council Member Rios is not comfortable voting on an item she feels is incomplete and asked that the resolution be tabled until the next meeting.

- i. **RESOLUTION 01-9305** Authorizing Staff to Execute Memoranda of Understanding with Contra Costa County to Provide Building Inspector Services for the Community Development Department, Code Enforcement and the Rehabilitation Loan Program

Council Member Beals had a question regarding the shortage in the Community Development Department and the need for inspection services. She wanted the status on recruitment rather than contracting out with county.

Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Yolanda Lopez stated the recruitment has been ongoing for the last eight months, and the market is very tight right now. This plan is for a six month period. Recruitment is ongoing and is being done on-line and throughout the State.

Council Member Beals asked if there has been a cost effective analysis done. Ms. Lopez stated there is a difference in cost; however, the County will provide their own vehicle, equipment, etc. instead of the City. The cost may be higher, but not overall because of these issues.

Mayor Quesada mentioned that the County has been the biggest raider of our staff, and we are having to turn around and contract with our own former personnel for services. Ms. Lopez stated there is a difficult situation in many job markets right now including Engineering and the Public Services Departments that are having difficulty obtaining enough seasonal workers as people are not taking temporary employment.

Council Member Beals asked if the jobs are posted. Ms. Lopez stated the announcements are posted, on line, and in building and trade publications. Staff will provide job descriptions to the Council.

On motion by Council Member Beals, seconded by Council Member Rios, to unanimously adopt Resolution 01-9305. **Vote: 5-0**

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **REPORT** Community Development Needs for 2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Yolanda Lopez presented the opening of the CDBG Program for 2001. She stated this is the first of two public meetings to identify community needs. The second meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 5, 2001. There will be a training session on January 3, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. The Community Advisory Commission will oversee the CDBG program.

Mayor Quesada opened the public hearing.

BISHOP TIMMONS, Pittsburg, stated the City of Pittsburg is the only City that does not have county-run subsidized child care facilities. He states he has gotten feedback from the community on the need for subsidized child care. With welfare reforms enacted, many people need this service. He strongly encouraged the council to invest a reasonable amount of funds from CDBG to subsidize child care for the community.

Council Member Aiello agreed with Bishop Timmons. For years he tried to tap into Keller Canyon mitigation funds to help the community, and would like to address the Board of Supervisors to help with county subsidized child care. This would be another partnership to create with the County.

There being no further comments, Mayor Quesada closed the public hearing.

On motion by Council Member Beals, seconded by Council Member Rios the Council voted unanimously to accept the report. **Vote: 5-0**

2. **RESOLUTION 01-9308** Approving an Installment Purchase Financing to be Undertaken by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority to Benefit Spectrum Center or Educational and Behavioral Development

Assistant City Attorney Carol Victor presented the staff report to provide tax exempt financing for the non-profit Spectrum Center.

Mayor Quesada opened the public hearing.

MR. RANDY KEYWORTH, Executive Director of the Spectrum Center explained that his facility provides services under contract with public schools and this center was opened by request for a school in East County as students were having to be transported to a Concord facility.

There being no one to speak against, Mayor Quesada closed the public hearing.

Council Member Lewis stated these services were needed in East County. He stated the key element in his review is that the City has no financial responsibility to repay bonds which creates a win-win situation.

On motion by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Council Member Beals the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 01-9308. **Vote: 5-0**

3. **RESOLUTION 01-9309** Conflict of Interest Code Update

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

On motion by Council Member Rios, seconded by Council Member Aiello the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 01-9309. **Vote: 5-0**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Quesada adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. to January 16, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, City Clerk

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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- 1. **MINUTES** Dated: December 4, 2000

Minutes of December 4, 2000 were approved.

- 2. **RESOLUTION 01-044** City Manager Contract

Resolution 01-044 was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Power Company, Chair Quesada adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. to January 16, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary