

**CITY OF PITTSBURG
JOINT MEETING of the
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PITTSBURG FINANCE AUTHORITY
PITTSBURG POWER COMPANY
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT II
AND CITY COUNCIL**

December 6, 2004

Mayor Aleida Rios called the Joint meeting of the Redevelopment Agency, Pittsburg Finance Authority, Pittsburg Power Company, Geologic Hazard Abatement District II, and City Council to order at 7:33 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beals, Glynn, Kee, Parent, Rios

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT City Manager, Marc Grisham
City Attorney, Ruthann Ziegler
City Clerk, Lillian Pride
Deputy City Clerk, Alice Evenson
Director of the Redevelopment Agency, Garrett Evans
Director of Development Projects, Randy Jerome
Director of Economic Development, Brad Nail
Director of Human Resources, Marc Fox
Director of Public Works, John Fuller
Director of Finance, Marie Simons
Planning Manager, Melissa Ayres
Police Chief, Aaron Baker

REMARKS FROM PRESENT MAYOR

1. Mayor Aleida Rios

Mayor Rios stated that as the first Latina Mayor of the City and the first Puerto Rican Mayor in the country, she had made tough decisions and supported good public policy even in the face of special interest pressures. She stated that her tenure as Mayor had been very rewarding. She thanked her family and specifically her husband for his support. She also thanked her advisors, her friends, and specifically Police Chief Baker, Recreation Director Flores and Public Works Director Fuller and their staff for all his/her hard work behind the scenes.

Mayor Rios offered a sincere thank you to the public for placing her into office. She noted that at the time of her inauguration as Mayor she had indicated that she would change the way the public was notified, through televising the City Council meetings, creation of the City's website, changing the Council agenda to be more user friendly, and providing a State of the City Address to the Chamber of Commerce and community organizations. She had also established office hours and made herself available to the general public. She had further been instrumental in initiating a Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Noting other accomplishments, Mayor Rios commented that policies and procedures had been put into place for the Council, there was a sound financial policy in place, a new City Manager and Finance Director had been hired, a Council referral list had been instituted and a speaker light offered speakers an opportunity to know when to complete his/her remarks. Additional accomplishments included the Commercial Loan Program, approval of the First Time Homebuyer's Program, a revamped Sister City Policy, support for Proposition 1A, the retention of the Holiday Parade and the creation of the Hispanic Discovery Festival.

Mayor Rios stated that she had indicated in her Mayor's Speech that 2004 would be a year of pride, partnerships and position, a goal that had been accomplished. She recognized that the members of the Council had agreed to disagree. To the new Council, she stated that the most important assets were integrity and reputation.

To the City and its residents, Mayor Rios presented a special thank you gift – a wood rendering of the City's logo that could be prominently displayed in the Council Chambers.

RECOGNITION

1. Mayor Aleida Rios

On behalf of the City Council, Vice Mayor Parent presented the outgoing Mayor with a gift in recognition of her service as Mayor for the last year and for her contributions as a member of the City Council and as a member of the Community Advisory Commission (CAC). She stated that her legacy would be one of persistence for her ideas. She also recognized the Mayor's work on the City's budget document to ensure that it was a document that was easier for the Council and citizenry to understand, and her efforts to ensure that the City Council and City government was sensitized to the interests of the Latin community. She presented the traditional gavel of 2004 to Mayor Rios and she presented a decorative tray to "*MAYOR RIOS IN HONOR OF FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE.*"

Vice Mayor Parent also recognized Councilmember Beals' time on the Council and acknowledged her youth and the role that had served on the Council. She noted that Councilmember Beals had championed the library and she recognized that she would remain a driving force for the library. She noted that as a Councilmember, Councilmember Beals was fearless.

Vice Mayor Parent also noted that Councilmember Beals was a good listener and had been a succinct decision maker. She presented a tray of recognition to Councilmember Beals in honor of her four years of service.

2. Councilmember Yvonne Beals

Councilmember Beals offered her thanks to all and stated that it had been a pleasure to work as a Councilmember over the last four years. She commented that even with the low points and high moments during those four years the City was in a great place. She highlighted the ups and downs in the City over the last four years and explained how great things had been accomplished in spite of the difficulties, through economic development, leaders in higher education and a rehabilitation of the downtown, with a focus on residents rather than developers. She stated that there was a long list of accomplishments that the Council had worked to reach fruition over the last two years.

Councilmember Beals added that she had been humbled to have served her community during the period in 2003 while celebrating the City's 100th Anniversary. That experience had been overwhelming from support and recognition locally and nationally. She stated that all support was heartfelt and deeply appreciated. She thanked those who offered her confidence and who were encouraging, members of the community, the Council and all City staff.

In particular, Councilmember Beals thanked Brad Nail, Garrett Evans, Paul Flores, and Willis Casey when he had served as the Pittsburg City Manager. She also expressed her appreciation to her family as her foundation.

Councilmember Beals acknowledged the respect of her fellow Councilmembers and stated that they had worked together as a team and had laid the foundation to produce great things for many years to come. She expressed her confidence that the years ahead would be productive. To the incoming Mayor, Nancy Parent, she offered her congratulations and luck and to the incoming newly elected Councilmembers she wished them the best of luck as well. She expressed her hope that the new members of the Council would continue to bring their experiences, level of professionalism and energy to help the City to move forward. She presented a rose to each Councilmember to symbolize being part of a bouquet which symbolized teamwork, leadership and a bright future for the City. She stated that it had been her hope that she had helped to make the City a better place.

At this time in the meeting, Vice Mayor Parent presented Carille Bruno who had been invited to sing for the assemblage and who was accompanied by Grace Edwards. Ms. Bruno sang songs from *Finnian's Rainbow* and *The Sound of Music*. The Vice Mayor explained that Ms. Bruno would be singing at a concert at the Church of Good Shepherd scheduled for December 12, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. A nominal fee would be charged at the door.

RUBEN ROSALES of the Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD) offered a parting gift from the PUSD Board of Directors to honor Councilmember Beals' and Mayor Rios' last four years and in recognition of the improved relationship between the PUSD and the City of Pittsburg. On behalf of the PUSD and Victor Galli, the head coach for Pittsburg High School, he offered Championship jerseys to the Council to symbolize the Council's teamwork with the PUSD Board.

As an alumna of Pittsburg High School, Councilmember Beals expressed her appreciation for the recognition from the PUSD.

Supervisor FEDERAL GLOVER commended the Council for being a fine team. On behalf of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, he thanked Councilmember Beals and Mayor Rios for being great ambassadors to the community. He presented a plaque to each in recognition of their service to the community.

State Assemblymember JOSEPH CANCIAMILLA also recognized both Councilmember Beals and Mayor Rios for their work on the Council and acknowledged the work, time and sacrifices required of the members of the Council. He expressed his appreciation to both and wished both the best of luck.

Mayor Rios welcomed newly elected Councilmembers Will Casey and Ben Johnson to the podium to be given the Oath of Office.

OATH OF OFFICE

1. Ben Johnson
2. Will Casey

City Clerk Lillian Pride offered the oath of office to Ben Johnson and Will Casey. Both joined the Council at this time. Mayor Rios turned the gavel over to the Vice Mayor.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

1. Selection of Mayor/Chair

Councilmember Kee nominated Vice Mayor Nancy Parent as the new Mayor. Councilmember Glynn seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed. By unanimous vote, **Nancy Parent** was selected as the new Mayor/Chair.

2. Selection of Vice-Mayor/Chair

Councilmember Glynn nominated Michael Kee as the Vice Mayor. Councilmember Casey seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed. By unanimous vote, **Michael Kee** was selected as the Vice-Mayor/Chair.

3. Remarks from New Vice-Mayor/Chair

Vice Mayor Kee welcomed the two new members of the City Council and offered his assistance in facilitating their new role on the Council. He thanked the Council for his selection as the Vice Mayor and he looked forward to working with the Mayor over the next year.

Vice Mayor Kee took this opportunity to thank those residents of the City who had elected him to serve on the Council. He also thanked his family for allowing him to spend many evenings away from home to serve the people of the City. He looked forward to a new year of opportunity for the City.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Johnson thanked his family and thanked all those who had worked on his campaigns over the last eleven years of trying to join the Council. He assured the community that he would work to keep the City on track in the right direction to improve the quality of life of the City and to continue to make it a better place. He congratulated the new Mayor and Vice Mayor and looked forward to working with the Council on many projects in the future. He also commended the 75 percent of the City's registered electorate who had participated in the recent voting process which had shown that the people were concerned about the issues affecting the City, the State and the future.

Councilmember Johnson promised to listen, learn and apply all of the positive knowledge in becoming an outstanding Councilperson for the community. He stated he would be visible and accessible to the people. He also promised to deal with all issues in a manner that would be for the good of the community.

Councilmember Glynn stated that he had been under the tutelage of three very dynamic women but recognized that ratio was now four to one. He promised not to forget the lessons learned. He looked forward to helping to build the new team and working together to move the City forward now and in the future.

Supervisor Federal Glover recognized Mayor Parent and looked forward to working with the City.

ARNE SIMONSEN, a member of the Antioch City Council, spoke as a member of the Tri Delta Transit Board of Directors and as a First Vice President of the League of California Cities. He commended the Mayor for her work in promoting the passage of Proposition 1A. He noted that former Mayor Rios' participation in the East Bay Division of the League had been exemplary. He recognized that the City of Pittsburg would help shape the policy for East County.

On behalf of the Antioch City Council, Mr. Simonsen congratulated the two new members of the City Council.

Mr. Simonsen also noted that East County cities had worked together and he looked forward to working with the Council on future projects such as the Buchanan Road Bypass, the widening of State Route 4, and BART or eBART.

5. Remarks from New Mayor/Chair

Mayor Parent introduced her family and friends, particularly members of the Pittsburg Soroptimist Club, and noted that this was her third term as a member of the Council and as Mayor. She explained that the songs presented by Ms. Bruno had been very important to her. *Finnian's Rainbow* was representative of a rainbow in the City's future which was a promise and covenant to all that there would be a future. *The Sound of Music* was a song which was symbolic of her desire to protect the City's hills and representative of her goals when she had run for office since she was concerned that the City's hillsides were in danger. She expressed her hope that whatever was built on the City's hillsides would be good for the entire community. As an individual, she pledged to do whatever she could to see that the City retained its backdrop of hills.

Mayor Parent commented that her car had a bumper sticker that proclaimed "Live Aloha" which she hoped the Council would live. That slogan mean respect your elders and children, especially children, leave places better than you find them, hold the door, hold the elevator, plant something, drive with courtesy, let others in, attend an event of another culture, return your shopping cart, get out and enjoy nature, pick up litter, share with your neighbors, create a smile or make your own list. She urged all to Live Aloha.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Joint Redevelopment Agency, Pittsburg Finance Authority, Pittsburg Power Company, Geologic Hazard Abatement District II, and City Council adjourned ***In Memory of Pittsburg residents Captain Delphin and Mrs. Marcellina Jaromay*** at 8:45 P.M. to December 20, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary

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