

**CITY OF PITTSBURG
Joint City Council and
Public Financing Authority Minutes**

December 5, 2005

Mayor Nancy Parent called the Joint City Council and Public Financing Authority meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey, Glynn, Johnson, Kee, Parent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT City Manager, Marc Grisham
Assistant City Manager, Matt Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Stuart
Deputy City Clerk, Alice Evenson
Director of Housing and Community Programs, Annette Landry
Director of the Redevelopment Agency, Garrett Evans
Director of Engineering and Building, Joe Sbranti
Director of Economic Development, Brad Nail
Director of Human Resources, Marc Fox
Director of Public Works, John Fuller
Director of Recreation, Paul Flores
Director of Planning, Melissa Ayres
Director of Finance, Marie Simons
Police Chief, Aaron Baker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Phillip Kee and Taylor Kee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/REMARKS

Vice Mayor Kee reported that he and Councilmember Glynn had attended the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Old Town when children from St. Peter Martyr Church had provided song and when there had been an appearance from Santa Claus.

Mayor Parent thanked the members of Soroptomist International of Pittsburg for the Winter Wonderland Luncheon for seniors at the Senior Center. She thanked the staff of the Senior Center for the excellent job in helping with Contra Costa Café, which fed seniors every weekday. She also commended the Pittsburg Art Collaborative and the organizers of the Old Town holiday events.

Mr. Grisham stated that a reserve policy was being set up for major funds. Besides being the prudent policy, he stressed the need to address emergencies and unforeseen circumstances that could affect the City's water system to protect the community.

The financing as proposed would provide \$20,000,000 in funding for capital improvements to the Water System. Based on the rate increases that had been adopted on May 16, 2005, the Water System should have sufficient revenues to fund the additional debt.

The fiscal impact of the refunding was the positive net present value and cash flow savings for the Water Enterprise Fund. Annual savings of \$108,000 was currently projected, which total to approximately \$2,417,000 for the remaining time period of the existing debt. The net present value savings expected from the refunding (at current interest rates) is approximately \$1,375,000, a savings of 10 percent net present value. The average rate on the Series 1997 Bonds is 5.092 percent, whereas the average interest rate on the proposed refunding services, if completed today, would be 3.87 percent.

All costs associated with the bond financing including bond counsel, underwriter, swap counsel, financial advisor, disclosure counsel, and the like would be paid through the bond issuance. There would be no impact to the City's General Fund.

It was recommended that the City Council approve the bond documents, the swap documents, the issuance of bonds by the Financing Authority and the draft resolutions attached to the staff report dated December 5, 2005, and that the City Council authorize the City Manager and Financing Team to move forward with the Water Revenue New Money and Refunding Bonds, Series 2005.

On motion by Councilmember Glynn, seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried unanimously to adopt City Council Resolution 05-10440.

On motion by Member Glynn, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to adopt Public Financing Authority Resolution 05-019.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Grisham noted with respect to Consent Calendar Item a. Claims, that a City truck had run into someone in Glendora, California, although the City truck, from 1958, had come out of the system years ago and had not been registered since 1999.

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Casey and carried unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar, as follows:

- a. **CLAIMS** #1656 Fernando Wilkins Jr.; #1669 Glenda Gomez;
 #1673 Barry White Jr./Malinda Carroll-Brown

Denied claims #1656 Fernando Wilkins Jr.; #1669 Glenda Gomez; #1673 Barry White Jr./Malinda Carroll-Brown.

- b. **ORDINANCE 05-1255** Adoption of an Ordinance to Rezone 7.5 Acres from CO (Office Commercial) District to PD (Planned Development) District. (East Leland Subdivision II Rezoning. AP-04-179)

Adopted Ordinance 05-1255.

- c. **ORDINANCE 05-1256** Adoption of an Ordinance Rezoning the Black Diamond Mixed Use Development Project Site to PD (Planned Development) District

Adopted Ordinance 05-1256.

- d. **RESOLUTION 05-10441** Declaring Results of the Special Statewide Election Held on November 8, 2005 for Measures N, O and P

Adopted Resolution 05-10441.

ADJOURNMENT

The joint meeting of the City Council and the Public Financing Authority adjourned at 7:12 P.M. to December 12, 2005 (in lieu of December 19, 2005).

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, City Clerk

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CITY OF PITTSBURG
Joint Redevelopment Agency, City Council,
Pittsburg Power Company,
Southwest Pittsburg Geologic Hazard Abatement District II
and Public Financing Authority

December 5, 2005

Mayor Nancy Parent called the meeting of the Joint Redevelopment Agency, City Council, Pittsburg Power Company, Southwest Pittsburg Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) II, and Public Financing Authority to order at 7:13 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey, Glynn, Johnson, Kee, Parent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT

- City Manager, Marc Grisham
- Assistant City Manager, Matt Rodriguez
- Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Stuart
- Deputy City Clerk, Alice Evenson
- Director of Housing and Community Programs, Annette Landry
- Director of the Redevelopment Agency, Garrett Evans
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REMARKS FROM PRESENT MAYOR/CHAIR

Mayor Parent noted that when she had entered office she had hoped that the Council among them would “live Aloha,” which she suggested had been done. She commended the cooperation and coordination with all departments of the City and with all Department Directors who had been open to new ideas, willing to try new things, to reorganize the City’s functioning, and who had all contributed to the fact that in the spring the City would see, especially in Old Town, a lot of new development. She thanked the Council for working together to support those ideas. She noted that whenever the Council had made a decision all Councilmembers after that time had supported that decision, which was appreciated.

COUNCIL/MEMBER/AUTHORITIES REORGANIZATION

1. Selection of Mayor/Chair

On motion by Councilmember Glynn, seconded by Mayor Parent and carried unanimously to select **Michael Kee** as the new Mayor of the City of Pittsburg.

2. Selection of Vice-Mayor/Vice Chair

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Mayor Kee and carried unanimously to select **William "Bill" Glynn** as the new Vice Mayor of the City of Pittsburg.

Newly elected Mayor Michael Kee Chaired the meeting at this time.

Mayor Kee presented a plaque to outgoing Mayor Nancy Parent on behalf of staff and the entire City Council in recognition of her tenure as Mayor.

REMARKS FROM NEW VICE MAYOR/VICE CHAIR

Vice Mayor Glynn expressed his honor and privilege to be selected as the Vice Mayor of the City of Pittsburg. He concurred with the former Mayor's statements of accomplishments where all had worked together as a team in order to move the City forward. He also commended the community for its continued input.

REMARKS FROM NEW MAYOR/CHAIR

Mayor Kee shared his vision of what the City could become and what could be done to ensure that the community moved closer to that vision. He first took the opportunity to thank his colleagues on the current and former Councils for his/her willingness to share ideas and viewpoints, to the people of Pittsburg who had elected him three years ago, to his mother, Virginia Kee, who always encouraged him while growing up and to his wife and children for allowing him to serve the community.

Mayor Kee noted that while not a Mayor of any first, he would be the 64th Mayor of the City of Pittsburg. He pointed out some of the opportunities available when working together to create a better Pittsburg. He wanted to focus on the citizenry and look at what could be accomplished together. He offered a challenge to staff to see the many possibilities and challenges that faced the Council/staff. He asked staff to analyze the question of whether the glass was half full or half empty, not either, but full of opportunities. He asked to see the possibilities of success in every challenge faced in the next year and beyond. He noted that each employee represented what the City was about, creating an image of the City. To each employee, he asked employees to ride for the brand that is the City of Pittsburg and to always place the public first and show the pride and commitment of Pittsburg. To his colleagues, he asked them to collectively seek out new opportunities and work together to serve and enhance the lives of the people of Pittsburg.

Referring to the Kwanzaa holiday, Mayor Kee noted that holiday had been created to serve as a communal celebration to reaffirm and reinforce the bonds of people. One of the principals of Kwanzaa, was the principal of *Ugima*, collective work and responsibility. He suggested that the Council should and could adopt Ugima as a goal for the coming year. The principal of Ujima asks one to build and maintain the community together and make brothers and sisters problems our problems and to solve them together. If followed, he suggested that the principal of Ugima would improve and enhance the lives of Pittsburg residents.

Mayor Kee presented each member of the Council with a mug offering the principal of Ugima as a remembrance in his/her daily life.

To the people of Pittsburg, Mayor Kee urged residents to actively participate in his/her community by serving on various city commissions, community groups, reading to children at the library, starting a Neighborhood Watch, doing anything to participate in the community, or even by calling a member of the Council to share his/her views to be able to experience the full benefit of what the City had to offer.

To neighboring communities, Mayor Kee urged continued open communication, open dialogue and shared viewpoints on items of mutual concern to address the challenges of each community and improve the quality of life of every person in the City of Pittsburg and beyond.

Mayor Kee suggested that the goals that would be set would not be fully achieved over the next year or the next five or ten years, although the City could work towards those goals and set the foundation through the current Council and others to build upon to make Pittsburg a leader in Contra Costa as well as the State of California. He quoted Franklin Roosevelt: "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us not fear what is yet to come nor cling to a past that can not be created, instead let us openly embrace the future which had infinite possibilities." In so doing, he suggested that would place Pittsburg on a road to greatness with a future of brightness anyone could imagine.

Outgoing Mayor Parent reported that Supervisor Glover had asked her to read a proclamation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors recognizing Michael Kee as the 2005/2006 Mayor of the City of Pittsburg. She read the proclamation from Federal Glover, County Supervisor District 5 into the record at this time and presented the proclamation to the Mayor.

Mayor Kee invited all to join in refreshments after the meeting. He took this opportunity to introduce his family members who were present in the audience and he again thanked them for their support.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

YVONNE BEALS, Pittsburg, congratulated Ms. Parent for a job well done, a proven year of success in cooperation with the new City Manager, and commented that as residents everyone should be proud of the improvements in the City. She also complimented the Council for its cooperation and professionalism in a distinguished Council offering a positive image for the City. She congratulated newly elected Mayor Michael Kee and expressed her pride in his service and quality of leadership in East County.

WILLIE MIMS, Pittsburg, representing the Black Political Association (BPA), thanked outgoing Mayor Parent for her strength, knowledge and understanding of the law. To the newly elected Mayor, he urged him, the Council and staff to stick to the principal of Ujima. He expressed his hope that the new Mayor would do what was right for the citizens of the City. He expressed his hope that Mayor Kee's tenure would be one of success not failure and one of progress and not regress. In so doing, he suggested that in the future it would be found that the Mayor had stood for something and had become respected by everyone in the community.

Mayor Kee reported that 50 years ago today on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks' act of silent bravery had sparked the Civil Rights movement in the country which had allowed him and others to excel and achieve. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in her honor.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:30 P.M. ***In Honor of Ms. Rosa Parks*** and then to December 12, 2005 (in lieu of December 19, 2005).

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, City Clerk

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