

CITY OF PITTSBURG
Housing Authority Minutes
March 21, 2005

Chair Nancy Parent called the meeting of the Housing Authority to order at 7:35 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California after having convened into Closed Session at 6:04 P.M. for Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code, regarding 500-550 School Street, APN 073-121-001; Frontage Road/Crestview Properties, APN 087-030-008, 087-195-020, 087-193-001, 087-193-002, 087-193-036, and 087-193-035; and Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the City Manager.

Chair Parent advised that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey, Glynn, Johnson, Parent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kee [Excused], Leatherwood, Wallen

STAFF PRESENT

- Executive Director, Marc Grisham
- Assistant Executive Director, Matt Rodriguez
- Legal Counsel, Mike Dean
- City Clerk, Lillian Pride
- Deputy City Clerk, Alice Evenson
- Director of Housing & Community Programs, Annette Landry
- Director of the Redevelopment Agency, Garrett Evans
- Director of Engineering and Building, Joe Sbranti
- Director of Economic Development, Brad Nail
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- Director of Public Works, John Fuller
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CONSIDERATION

1. **RESOLUTION 05-218** Five and One Year Plan Revision

Director of Housing & Community Programs Manager Annette Landry advised that the City of Pittsburg Housing Authority had completed the revision process for the 2005 Five Year and Annual Plan. The revisions addressed housing services provided by the Housing Authority in the administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Ms. Landry reported that the plan addressed the actual delivery of services provided to the City's 948 clients currently receiving assistance through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Ms. Landry explained that the primary change during the next five years would be the New Homeownership Program expected to be implemented within the next Five Year Plan. She stated that staff continued to work to improve customer relations and to partner with the community to ensure that the residents participating in the program were part of the process and the procedures.

The action would have no fiscal impact on the City since the Housing Authority operated a self-sufficient program that had no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund.

Ms. Landry recommended the adoption of the resolution approving the updated 2005 Five Year and Annual Plan. She took this opportunity to thank her staff for helping to put the document together and for continuing to maintain a very high performing Housing Authority.

Member Johnson questioned whether or not the voucher structure would change over the next five year period.

Ms. Landry stated that she was aware of no change to the voucher program other than the fact that there were some anticipated budget cuts where the Housing Authority would be challenged to reduce costs. She added that in some cases lower payment standards would require tenants to pay additional costs for the subsidies.

Chair Parent clarified that a household was a client. As such, while the Housing Authority was serving 948 clients (vouchers) there were a far greater number of people actually being served.

On motion by Member Glynn, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 05-218.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a. **DISBURSEMENT LIST** Dated: February 28, 2005

Approved Disbursement List dated February 28, 2005.

- b. **MINUTES** Dated: February 22, 2005

Approved minutes dated February 22, 2005.

- c. **RESOLUTION 05-219** Approving the City of Pittsburg Investment Policy of
Combined w/RDA 05-1038 Public Funds to be Effective March 21, 2005
Combined w/PPC 05-124
Combined w/CC 05-10260

Adopted Housing Authority Resolution 05-219.

Adopted Redevelopment Agency Resolution 05-1038.

Adopted Pittsburg Power Company Resolution 05-124.

Adopted City Council Resolution 05-10260.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Housing Authority adjourned at 7:41P.M. to the next meeting on April 18, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary

CITY OF PITTSBURG
Redevelopment Agency Minutes
March 21, 2005

Chair Nancy Parent called the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency to order at 7:42 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California after having convened into Closed Session at 6:04 P.M. for Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code, regarding 500-550 School Street, APN 073-121-001; Frontage Road/Crestview Properties, APN 087-030-008, 087-195-020, 087-193-001, 087-193-002, 087-193-036, and 087-193-035; and Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the City Manager.

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STAFF PRESENT

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CITIZENS REMARKS

ROGER RILEY, Pittsburg, stated that he had been working with Old Republic Title Company for over a year to purchase City property, had expended funds for engineering and had worked with City staff over that time, but had just received a registered letter from the City Manager to identify an Amended Notice of Default. He stated that there had been no default and the money remained in escrow as it had for over a year. Recognizing that the City's intention was not to sell the property to him, he expressed concern for the situation and suggested that the City could reimburse him for the expenses associated with the attempts to purchase the property. He requested an opportunity to discuss the matter with the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **RESOLUTION 05-1041** Approval of the Redevelopment Agency List of Projects, Allocations, and Funding Sources

Executive Director Marc Grisham reported that staff needed to conduct a further review of the list of projects, allocations and funding sources. Because the public hearing notice has been published for this date, he requested that the Agency/Council open the public hearing and continue the hearing to April 4, 2005.

Chair Parent opened the public hearing for Resolution 05-1041. There was no one to speak to the item at this time. Chair Parent continued the public hearing to April 4, 2005.

CONSIDERATION

1. **RESOLUTION 05-1037** Approving the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Pittsburg FY 2004-2005 Expenditure for a State Mandated ERAF Takeaway in the Amount of \$2,379,091

Mr. Grisham explained that the State of California budget included as one of its deficit eliminating measures, the transfer of \$250 million in property tax revenues from redevelopment agencies to the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). These shifted monies would be given to K-12 schools and community colleges to free up, for other uses, State revenues that had supported schools in past years.

Pursuant to the letter from the California Department of Finance, the Redevelopment Agency was required to send the State \$2,379,091. The source of funding for the payment had been included in the FY 2004-2005 Agency Operating Budget.

When asked, Director of the Redevelopment Agency Garrett Evans stated that this was the fourth ERAF payment from the Agency and the third year in a row that the Agency had been hit directly by a combined takeaway of over \$9 million.

Mr. Grisham commented that the funds would not only be taken away from the Redevelopment Agency but it would also take away from the City's General Fund, exacerbating the City's ability to balance the budget.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Glynn and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 05-1037.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a. **MINUTES** Dated: February 28, 2005 and March 7, 2005

Approved minutes dated February 28, 2005 and March 7, 2005.

- b. **RESOLUTION 05-1038** Approving the City of Pittsburg Investment Policy of
Public Funds to be Effective March 21, 2005
Combined w/HA 05-219
Combined w/PPC 05-124
Combined w/CC 05-10260

In Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, adopted Resolution 05-1038.

- c. **RESOLUTION 05-1039** Increase the Authorized Redevelopment Agency
Department Positions and Appropriate Funds to Fill
These Vacancies
Combined w/CC 05-10261

Adopted Redevelopment Agency Resolution 05-1039.

Adopted City Council Resolution 05-10261.

- d. **RESOLUTION 05-1040** Authorizing a Consultant Agreement Amendment with
Azari Engineering for Design of Contract 2005-05, East
Leland Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project
Combined w/CC 05-10257

Adopted Redevelopment Agency Resolution 05-1040.

Adopted City Council Resolution 05-10257.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 7:51P.M. to April 4, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary

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CITY OF PITTSBURG
Pittsburg Power Company Minutes
March 21, 2005

Chair Nancy Parent called the meeting of the Pittsburg Power Company to order at 7:52 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California after having convened into Closed Session at 6:04 P.M. for Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code, regarding 500-550 School Street, APN 073-121-001; Frontage Road/Crestview Properties, APN 087-030-008, 087-195-020, 087-193-001, 087-193-002, 087-193-036, and 087-193-035; and Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the City Manager.

Chair Parent advised that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Kee [Excused]

STAFF PRESENT

- Executive Director, Marc Grisham
- Assistant Executive Director, Matt Rodriguez
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- City Clerk, Lillian Pride
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- Director of Engineering and Building, Joe Sbranti
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- Director of Planning, Melissa Ayres
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- Director of Human Resources, Marc Fox
- Police Chief, Aaron Baker

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. **MINUTES** Dated: March 7, 2005

Approved minutes dated March 7, 2005.

- b. **RESOLUTION 05-124** Approving the City of Pittsburg Investment Policy of
Public Funds to be Effective March 21, 2005
Combined w/HA 05-219
Combined w/RDA 05-1038
Combined w/CC 05-10260

In Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, adopted Resolution 05-124.

- c. **RESOLUTION 05-125** Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a
Consultant Agreement By and Between the Pittsburg
Power Company and McDonald Partners

Adopted Resolution 05-125.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Pittsburg Power Company adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary

CITY OF PITTSBURG
City Council Minutes
March 21, 2005

Mayor Nancy Parent called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:54 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California after having convened into Closed Session at 6:04 P.M. for Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code, regarding 500-550 School Street, APN 073-121-001; Frontage Road/Crestview Properties, APN 087-030-008, 087-195-020, 087-193-001, 087-193-002, 087-193-036, and 087-193-035; and Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the City Manager.

Mayor Parent advised that there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

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STAFF PRESENT

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Mayor Parent considered the following general City Council items at 7:00 P.M. prior to pursuing the Housing Authority agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marian Partridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

1. Arbor Day – Tree City USA

Mayor Parent read the Proclamation for Arbor Day – Tree City USA and presented the proclamation to Boy Scouts from Troop 101.

PRESENTATION

1. Contra Costa Fire District New Paramedic Service at Station 85

MARK McCULLOUGH, Battalion Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, identified the paramedic services provided by the District in Pittsburg and stated that emergency fire, medical services and fire prevention services were provided by Fire Stations 84, 85 and 87 in the City of Pittsburg. He reported that last year the stations had responded to 4,123 calls in the City, of which 2,930 were medical calls and 170 were related to plan review and permits. He stated that in 2001, the District initiated an emergency response engine based paramedic program to more quickly bring Paramedicine to the County. On January 1, 2005, paramedic service was offered by Station 85 in Pittsburg. He introduced the crew of Station 85 at this time; Captain John Kipp, Engineer Ben Cochran and Firefighter Paramedic Ben Sanders.

Captain JOHN KIPP stated that because of the population growth and the proximity of the hospitals, it was important to have paramedic service available to the residents of the City. He introduced Ben Sanders to describe the paramedic services offered by Station 85.

Firefighter Paramedic BEN SANDERS offered a comparison of the service that used to be provided, Basic Life Support (BLS) versus Advanced Life Support (ALS) services that were now being offered by Station 85. The basic difference was the level of care that could be provided based on the specialized equipment available to offer advanced care, including advanced pediatric care and advanced cardiac life support. He detailed the equipment and trained staff now available to offer that advanced level of care.

Captain Kipp explained that the average response time was 5.5 minutes from the inception of the call to the time reaching a scene, while ambulances had a target of 10 minutes. He stated that out of the District's 28 stations, Station 85 was the second busiest station in the County. He emphasized the benefit of the service to the City.

Mayor Parent verified that when the services were being performed, there was a protocol where the paramedic would be in contact with a doctor to receive guidance, if required. She was advised that general medical calls would not require contact with the hospital.

Mayor Parent expressed the Council's appreciation for the paramedic and other services being offered by Station 85.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/REMARKS

Councilmember Johnson reported that he had attended the Urban Limit Line (ULL) meeting in Pleasant Hill and the League of California Cities (LCC) East Bay Division

meeting.

Councilmember Glynn reported that he had attended a meeting of the Veterans Day Parade Committee, a joint meeting between the City and the Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD) along with Mayor Parent as members of the subcommittee, and had met with the City's Planning Director regarding ULL planning for East Contra Costa County.

Further, Councilmember Glynn stated that he had attended the opening of a new computer repair store, Lawrence Technology, at Seventh and Columbia Streets. He had also hosted a meeting of the East Contra Costa County ULL Committee at City Hall, attended a meeting with the Vice Mayor and City staff to review current Commission by-laws, attended a St. Patrick's Day Dinner sponsored by the Soroptimist Club in Old Town, and had attended an opening of a new bridal store, Bellissima, at the corner of Fifth and Railroad Avenues.

Councilmember Casey commended the St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by the Soroptimist Club, reported that he had attended the Blues and Jazz presentation in Old Town, and as a member of the Finance Subcommittee he had also attended that meeting.

Mayor Parent reported that she had been invited by the Academic Achiever's Parents Group at Pittsburg High School (PHS) where awards for academics 3.50 or better had been presented and where awards had been given to over 200 individuals. On another matter, she thanked the Soroptimist Club for helping to serve the seniors and staff on May 17 at the Senior Center and she commended the Soroptimist Club for its St. Patrick's Day Fundraising Dinner on that same date.

The Mayor also reported that she had attended the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) recognition of graduating seniors in Pittsburg and Antioch when there had been recognition for outstanding achievement of those students going on to some kind of training. She stated that there were 100 people in attendance at that time.

Mayor Parent added that on April 1 she would be offering the graduation address at Optic, which offered training in computers for those trying to get back into the workforce, particularly those working to get off of public assistance programs.

With respect to upcoming events, Mayor Parent stated that the Pittsburg Historical Society would show films on March 24 of prior Columbus Day Parades, which had a lot of history in the community. She also reported that First Fridays in Old Town offered an opportunity for musical events at two restaurants. On May 7, the Farmers' Market would be open every Saturday until mid-November from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the parking lot of the Historical Society.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REMARKS

City Manager Marc Grisham introduced Matt Rodriguez, the City's new Assistant City Manager.

Mr. Grisham also reported that the Police Department, in cooperation with the Neighborhood Improvement Team, had done a fabulous job on March 19 as part of the neighborhood clean-up for West Boulevard, at which time City staff, volunteers of the high school and the cadet class from the Sheriff's Academy had participated in that clean-up effort.

Matt Rodriguez stated that it was a pleasure to have been appointed to the position of Assistant City Manager. He looked forward to working with the City and its residents.

CITIZENS REMARKS

There were no citizens' remarks at this time.

Mayor Parent adjourned to the Housing Authority at 7:35 P.M. and reconvened as the City Council at 7:54 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **ORDINANCE 05-1240** Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend Overlay District Standards for 1.74 Acres at 1201 California Avenue (Hampton Inn and Suites)

Planning Director Melissa Ayres noted that on February 7, 2005, the Redevelopment Agency and the City Council had entered into a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) with the applicant for the purpose of allowing the purchase of the property for the development of a hotel. In the development of the hotel, the applicant proposed to add meeting rooms that had not been included in the previous hotel approved for the area. To do so required an amendment to the overlay zone to increase the building height to 55 feet. Of that total, only three feet would be usable space. The remainder would allow architectural embellishments to the roof.

Ms. Ayres reported that the applicant had also requested an amendment to the parking requirements for hotels. The Planning Commission had recommended that parking be subject to the review and approval of the Commission as part of the use permit review.

The Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending the existing overlay zoning district development regulations governing 1.74 acres located at 1201 California Avenue, by increasing the maximum building height to 55 feet and amending the minimum off-street parking requirement for hotel uses, in order to allow development of a 96-room Hampton Inn and Suites hotel on the site.

There were no fiscal impacts associated with the rezoning request. It was recommended that the City Council move to introduce, waive further reading and pass to second reading the ordinance adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation and Monitoring Program, and establishing an amended overlay district for 1.74 acres

located at 1201 California Avenue.

Mayor Parent opened the public hearing for Ordinance 05-1240.

RAMESH PATEL, San Francisco, the hotel developer, presented a rendering of the proposed hotel. He stated that the colors were intended to match as much as possible the adjacent structures.

Mayor Parent closed the public hearing for Ordinance 05-1240.

Mayor Parent suggested that the proposal would prove to be an asset to the City. She was pleased to see that meeting rooms had been included in the proposal.

Councilmember Johnson applauded the proposal and thanked Mr. Patel for the application, as did Councilmember Casey.

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Casey and carried unanimously to introduce Ordinance 05-1240 by title only and waive further reading.

2. **RESOLUTION 04-10252** Community Advisory Commission Funding Recommendations for the 2005-06 CDBG Program Year

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had notified the City of Pittsburg of its intention to award the City a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$741,240 for program year 2005-2006. As required by HUD, the Community Advisory Commission (CAC) had prepared their funding recommendations for Council's review and approval.

Mayor Parent explained that there was a chance that the President of the United States would restructure, reduce or eliminate the CDBG Program. At the request of the Conference of Mayors, she had written a letter to the City's federal legislators to urge the support of a resolution to retain the CDBG program within HUD and to maintain the current \$4.723 billion financing level. She reported the receipt of one acknowledgement from her letter, from Senator Boxer, who also supported the program and who had joined 54 other members of the Senate to urge the Senate Budget Committee to provide \$4.723 billion next year and to retain the program within HUD.

Mr. Grisham stated that the important program addressed a number of needs in the community. He commented that this was one of the last vestiges of a program initiated by President Nixon as a way to assist communities.

Director of Housing & Community Programs Annette Landry thanked the Mayor and the Council for their support in attempting to maintain the CDBG Program, as funded. She stated that on a weekly basis updates were received on the status of the program. She was hopeful that during the course of the next couple of months any reduction of funding

would still allow sufficient funding to serve the City's needs.

Ms. Landry took this opportunity to thank members of the CAC and the members of the City Council working as the subcommittee to evaluate the 44 applications for the 2005-06 program year, which applications totaled more than \$1,170,000 where only \$552,000 was available for funding. She thanked all those involved and stated that the recommendations were to cover the public service categories which received over \$600,000 in requests for \$200,000 available. She emphasized that the subcommittee had made a recommendation to fund as many non-profits as possible.

In addition, Ms. Landry reported that over \$500,000 in requests had been received for the housing, economic development and code enforcement categories. The subcommittee had made recommendations to fund the cap of \$352,000. She added that she would return to the Council on April 18 when the one year Action Plan would include the recommendations.

There was no fiscal impact to the City since the CDBG grant was awarded to the City on an annual basis by HUD and was a self-sufficient program to be used for eligible CDBG activities.

Ms. Landry recommended that the City Council review the CDBG application summaries, review and approve the CAC funding recommendations, open the public hearing, receive testimony, close the public hearing and adopt the resolution.

As a Councilmember on the subcommittee, Councilmember Johnson thanked City staff and the members of the CAC for all the hard work that had resulted in the designation of the CDBG funds for 2005-06.

As the other Councilmember on the subcommittee, Councilmember Casey applauded the CAC's dedication, intelligence and fairness in a very difficult process that he had been proud to be a part.

Mayor Parent characterized the assignment to the CDBG subcommittee as one of the most time consuming and intense assignments a Councilmember could have.

Mayor Parent opened the public hearing for Resolution 05-10252.

ROSS De BOIE, Pittsburg, a long-time member of the CAC, explained that the evaluation process had changed over the years to create one of the best CDBG Programs in the County. He thanked all the members of the subcommittee for the many hours of work involved. He also thanked City staff, particularly Annette Landry, for doing an outstanding job.

Mayor Parent closed the public hearing for Resolution 05-10252.

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Casey and

carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 05-10252.

CONSIDERATION

1. **MINUTE ORDER** West Coast Transit Village – Preliminary Plan

Mr. Grisham advised that although a study session to review a proposal to construct 1,040 apartment units, approximately 75,000 square feet of office space and 32,000 square feet of retail space on a 23.5 acre property located west of the Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Station and reconsider/reaffirm development alternatives outlined in the Environmental Impact Report for the Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Area Specific Plan had been scheduled for this time, a letter received prior to the meeting from the applicant had asked that the item be pulled because of significant concerns related to the staff recommendation.

Mr. Grisham characterized that situation as unfortunate and noted that the plan the applicant had presented had much merit and deserved positive discussion and the airing of different views as related to the project. He noted that the next item on the agenda related to the potential for the Planning Commission and the City Council to create a subcommittee to discuss such complex projects. He recommended that the Council not move forward with the study session.

2. **MINUTE ORDER** Planning Commission Request to Re-establish the City Council/Planning Commission Land Use Committee

Mr. Grisham reported that the Planning Commission had requested that the Council re-establish a City Council/Planning Commission Land Use Committee to provide early feedback and direction on large, complex development projects and General Plan Amendment applications.

Mr. Grisham advised that there was no fiscal impact associated with the request. He requested that the Mayor appoint two Councilmembers to a new City Council/Planning Commission Land Use Committee to provide early feedback and direction to City staff on large, complex development projects and General Plan Amendment applications.

Councilmember Glynn stated that he had discussed the situation with Vice Mayor Kee. Since both are former Chairs of the Planning Commission he requested that he and the Vice Mayor be appointed to the subcommittee.

Mayor Parent verified the request for the creation of an ad hoc committee to meet as necessary with the Planning Commission.

Planning Director Melissa Ayres verified that staff was recommending the appointment of two members of the City Council to the subcommittee since there were three items that could be considered at this time.

On motion by Councilmember Glynn, seconded by Councilmember Casey and carried unanimously that the Mayor appoint Vice Mayor Kee and Councilmember Glynn to

a new City Council/Planning Commission Land Use Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Glynn and carried unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar, with the removal of item b, as follows:

- a. **MINUTES** Dated: February 28, 2005 and March 7, 2005.

Approved minutes dated February 28, 2005 and March 7, 2005.
- c. **RESOLUTION 05-10253** Ratification of Councilmember Compensation When Serving as Redevelopment Agency Members

Adopted Resolution 05-10253.
- d. **RESOLUTION 05-10254** Declaring the City Council's Intent to Abandon a Storm Drain Easement Located in Subdivision 8605, Willow Heights

Adopted Resolution 05-10254.
- e. **RESOLUTION 05-10255** Declaring the City Council's Intent to Abandon a "20 Foot Walk and Utility Easement" Located on Lot 63 of Los Medanos Estates Unit No. 2 (4105 Brookside Drive)

Adopted Resolution 05-10255.
- f. **RESOLUTION 05-10256** Award Purchase Contract for Ten Wheel Dump Truck Contracts

Adopted Resolution 05-10256.
- g. **RESOLUTION 05-10257** Authorizing a Consultant Agreement Amendment with Azari Engineering for Design of Contract 2005-05, East Leland Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project
Combined w/RDA 05-1040

In Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, adopted Resolution 05-10257.
- h. **RESOLUTION 05-10258** Authorization of an Arbitrage Rebate Payment of \$108,555.38 to the United States Treasury Related to the Series 1997 Water Revenue Bonds

Adopted Resolution 05-10258.
- i. **RESOLUTION 05-10259** Reclassification of One Incumbent Employee Based on a Job Audit

Adopted Resolution 05-10259.

- j. **RESOLUTION 05-10260** Approving the City of Pittsburg Investment Policy of Public Funds to be Effective March 21, 2005
Combined w/HA 05-219
Combined w/RDA 05-1038
Combined w/PPC 05-124

In Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, adopted Resolution 05-10260.

- k. **RESOLUTION 05-10261** Increase the Authorized Redevelopment Agency Department Positions and Appropriate Funds to Fill These Vacancies
Combined w/RDA 05-1039

In Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, adopted Resolution 05-10261.

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

- b. **ORDINANCE 05-1238** Adopt an Ordinance Amending Pittsburg Municipal Code 10.36.080 "Truck Routes"

MICHAEL SARABIA, Bay Point, submitted a letter for the record from Judy Dawson and Norma Siegfried, Chairwoman and Vice-Chair respectively of the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Commission (MAC) dated March 21, 2005, related to the use of Willow Pass Road as a truck route.

Mr. Sarabia read the letter into the record, which expressed concern for the designation given that Willow Pass Road was crossed by the elderly and school children who must walk to school or catch a bus, particularly since most bus stops were on Willow Pass Road. The letter stated that there would be increased pollution caused by increased truck traffic creating more health problems in the community, along with more noise, dust, fumes, and traffic. The letter urged the Council to reconsider the designation and to include the Bay Point MAC in discussions related to the enforcement of weight limits and the other impacts associated with the extra truck traffic. Speaking for himself, Mr. Sarabia stated that Willow Pass Road had not been constructed for such truck traffic and that one overweight truck could destroy the roadway.

Mr. Grisham reported that the City had established an aggressive truck enforcement program related to overweight vehicles which would be pursued in the area of Willow Pass Road. He also noted that there were numerous industrial operations in the unincorporated area along Willow Pass Road that utilized the road for truck traffic and truck transportation. As such, he suggested that the designation of Willow Pass Road as a truck route would not change an ongoing pattern of truck usage. He reiterated that the City would continue its enforcement of overweight trucks.

Mayor Parent requested that those comments related to truck routes and weight enforcement be put in a letter for submittal to the Bay Point MAC.

Councilmember Glynn suggested that communication between the City of Pittsburg and Bay Point was very important in regard to the truck issue, which was an issue he had previously raised as a concern. He emphasized that communication would have to occur prior to the adoption of actions that would affect other jurisdictions, such as Bay Point in this case, when the permission of that jurisdiction would be required. He wanted Bay Point to be involved in the process once imposed, particularly as to when that truck traffic could occur.

Councilmember Glynn commented that the issue of truck traffic would become more critical as the City developed its industrial base since there were few routes in and out of the City. He emphasized the importance of good community relations.

Councilmember Johnson verified with Mr. Sbranti that the route had traditionally been used by the City's industrial properties in the past although the City was now formally identifying the route as a truck route.

Councilmember Glynn clarified that Bay Point had previously been designated as an alternate route. The prime route was the truck bypass route in and out which was the purpose of the construction of the bypass. In that case, he stated that Loveridge Road, not Willow Pass Road, had been the recognized off-ramp.

Mayor Parent noted that the industries on 10th Street from Railroad Avenue west had traditionally come in through Willow Pass Road, although she agreed that the industries east of Railroad Avenue should be encouraged to use the truck bypass route which the industries had funded for that purpose.

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Casey to adopt Ordinance 05-1238, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Casey, Johnson, Parent
Noes: Glynn
Absent:Kee

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:27P.M. to the next meeting on April 4, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, City Clerk

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