

CITY OF PITTSBURG
Redevelopment Agency Minutes
April 4, 2005

Vice Chair Michael Kee called the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency to order at 7:37 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California after having convened into Closed Session at 6:30 P.M. for Public Employee Performance Evaluation regarding the City Attorney.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey, Glynn, Johnson, Kee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Parent

STAFF PRESENT Executive Director, Marc Grisham
Assistant Executive Director, Matt Rodriguez
Legal Counsel, Ruthann Ziegler
City Clerk, Lillian Pride
Deputy City Clerk, Alice Evenson
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Director of the Redevelopment Agency, Garrett Evans
Director of Development Projects, Randy Jerome
Director of Engineering and Building, Joe Sbranti
Director of Economic Development, Brad Nail
Director of Housing and Community Programs, Annette Landry
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Director of Recreation, Paul Flores
Director of Finance, Marie Simons
Police Chief, Aaron Baker

Vice Mayor Kee CONVENED JOINTLY the CITY COUNCIL and the REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **RESOLUTION 05-1041** Approval of the Redevelopment Agency List of Projects,
Combined w/CC 05-10269 Allocations, and Funding Sources

Executive Director Marc Grisham advised that the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Pittsburg was engaging in various activities in its efforts to remove the blighting conditions that still remained in the Los Medanos Community Development Project Area. Due to the complexity of the projects and the varying funding sources, the Agency desired

to establish a list of projects, their allocations, and their funding sources.

Director of the Redevelopment Agency Garrett Evans explained that the item was a continuation of an annual process which was also done through the Five-Year Implementation Plan, which Plan had been approved by the City Council along with the 2004 Tax Allocation Bonds that had provided a majority of funding for the projects included on the list. He noted that the list included over \$30 million in loans, with almost \$9 million in park improvements, \$18 million in water improvements, \$36 million in street improvements and a host of redevelopment and public structure improvements.

Mr. Evans explained that the funds were generated from tax increment monies received on an annual basis. The funds drove the Redevelopment Agency and the Agency in turn used the funds to issue debt or to obtain a loan. He stated that in 2003, the Agency had picked up \$44.3 million in loan funds. In 2004, the Agency received \$85.4 million in tax allocation bonds and \$16.3 million in housing bonds that could be used for loans or other types of affordable housing developments.

Mr. Evans characterized the schedule as very aggressive. He stated that the public hearing had been continued from March 21, and had covered two sections of California Redevelopment Law, which sections were attached to the staff report dated April 4, 2005. Those sections covered the utilization of tax increment or projects that would eliminate blight in the project area. There were no other sources of funding.

Mr. Evans noted that the proposal would improve the quality and mix of uses in Old Town, encourage business growth, develop investment in the community, promote the development of blighted underutilized structures or vacant parcels, promote the downtown as a social, cultural and entertainment center for the community, contribute to the development of facilities for local service groups, private non-profits, and Marina oriented development, provide support to the Neighborhood Improvement Team, and provide utility and circulation infrastructure improvements throughout the project area.

Mr. Evans stated that the projects would be added to the City's website which would be kept up to date on the ongoing projects in the community.

There would be no fiscal impact by adopting the list. The list identified the projects, the allocations, and the funding sources. Action to be taken within each project would be submitted and considered individually by the Agency Board.

Mr. Evans recommended that the Agency Board approve the list.

Vice Chair Kee opened the public hearing for Redevelopment Agency Resolution 05-1041 and City Council Resolution 05-10269. There was no one to speak for or against the resolutions. Vice Chair Kee closed the public hearing for Redevelopment Agency Resolution 05-1041 and City Council Resolution 05-10269.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Glynn and carried

unanimously to adopt Redevelopment Agency Resolution 05-1041.

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Glynn and carried unanimously to adopt City Council Resolution 05-10269.

Mr. Grisham noted for the benefit of the audience and the Council that all projects would be bicycle user friendly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Chair Kee reported that he would abstain on the minutes because he had been absent at the last meeting, and that the subject of Item c. was a client. He abstained on the full Consent Calendar.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Glynn to adopt the Consent Calendar carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Casey, Glynn, Johnson
Noes:	None
Abstain:	Kee
Absent:	Parent.

a. **MINUTES** Dated: March 21, 2005

Approved minutes dated March 21, 2005.

b. **RESOLUTION 05-1042** Approval of a Relocation Impact Statement and Last Resort Housing Plan for the Cumberland and Tenth Street Project Site

Adopted Resolution 05-1042.

c. **RESOLUTION 05-1043** Approval of the First Amendment to the Disposition and Development Agreement By and Between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Pittsburg and Adam and Associates Business Group, LLC

Adopted Resolution 05-1043.

d. **RESOLUTION 05-1044**
Combined w/CC 05-10266 Allocation of Redevelopment Funds and Authorizing Staff to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with Black & Veatch Corp. to Provide Engineering Services for the Southwest Hills Water Improvements Project

Adopted Redevelopment Agency Resolution 05-1044.

Adopted City Council Resolution 05-10266.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 7:46 P.M. to April 18, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary

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CITY OF PITTSBURG
Pittsburg Power Company Minutes
April 4, 2005

Vice Chair Michael Kee called the meeting of the Pittsburg Power Company to order at 7:47 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California after having convened into Closed Session at 6:30 P.M. for Public Employee Performance Evaluation regarding the City Attorney.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey, Glynn, Johnson, Kee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Parent

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director, Marc Grisham
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PUBLIC HEARING

1. **RESOLUTION 05-126** Approving the Gas and Electric Tariff Revisions for Service on Mare Island for the Pittsburg Power Company d.b.a. Island Energy

Director of the Redevelopment Agency Garrett Evans advised that the gas and electric tariffs required revisions to make them consistent with the recently approved Gas and Electric Operations Agreements with the City of Vallejo. Changes to service connection and distribution line projects associated with developer applications for gas and electric service for new developments were also being made in the tariffs. The item had been reviewed by the Subcommittee and the Mare Island Advisory Committee. He described the item as a straightforward carryover from the Operations Agreements.

There was no fiscal impact to the City of Pittsburg General Fund. The current rate schedule for Island Energy customers was sufficient to cover any new obligations to Mare Island developers.

Mr. Evans recommended that the Pittsburg Power Company open the public hearing, take testimony, close the public hearing, and adopt the Pittsburg Power Company Resolution to revise the Gas and Electric Tariffs for the provision of gas and electricity utility service on Mare Island.

Vice Chair Kee opened the public hearing for Resolution 05-126. There was no one to speak for or against the resolution. Vice Chair Kee closed the public hearing.

On motion by Member Glynn, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 05-126.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Having been absent from the last meeting, Vice Chair Kee advised that he would abstain from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Member Casey, seconded by Member Johnson to adopt the Consent Calendar carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Casey, Glynn Johnson,
Noes: None
Abstain: Kee
Absent: Parent

a. **MINUTES** Dated: March 21, 2005

Approved Minutes dated March 21, 2005.

b. **RESOLUTION 05-127** Award Contract for the 2005 Patch Paving Program to AJW Construction

Adopted Resolution 05-127.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Pittsburg Power Company adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, Secretary

CITY OF PITTSBURG
City Council Minutes
April 4, 2005

Vice Mayor Michael Kee called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:51 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California after having convened into Closed Session at 6:30 P.M. for Public Employee Performance Evaluation regarding the City Attorney.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey, Glynn, Johnson, Kee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Parent

STAFF PRESENT City Manager, Marc Grisham
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Vice Mayor Kee considered the following general City Council items at 7:05 P.M. prior to pursuing the Redevelopment Agency agenda at 7:37 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larry Wirick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

1. Week of the Young Child

Councilmember Johnson read the Proclamation for the Week of the Young Child,

April 3 through April 9, 2005, and noted that there was no one present to accept the proclamation at this time.

2. Commemorating the Fall of Bataan

Councilmember Glynn read the Proclamation commemorating the Fall of Bataan and presented the Proclamation to Fil-American Association President Nora Gavino, and Fil-American Association Members Evangeline Santos and Orlando Dolojan.

Mr. Orlando Dolojan stated that the Fall of Bataan had been celebrated in the City of Pittsburg for the last 50 years. He invited the members of the Council to the Fil-American Association in October to celebrate the 50 year event. He thanked the City for its support.

On behalf of the Fil-American Association, NORA GAVINO expressed her thanks for the proclamation and noted that the City had issued a similar proclamation each year since 1955. She highlighted the reasons for the commemoration of the Fall of Bataan, an important part of Filipino history, and Filipinos' appreciation for the freedom, love and pride in the U.S.

PRESENTATION

1. National Library Week

Pittsburg Branch Librarian Marian Partridge announced National Library Week scheduled for April 11 through 15, 2005. She reported that as of March, the library had registered 2,090 people for library cards for the current fiscal year. The annual circulation for 2003 had involved 116,261 pieces of material compared to 95,000 pieces of material in 2004. She also reported that the library had received three grants: the Vocal Language Grant to purchase Spanish language materials, Keller Canyon Mitigation Funds to fund a portion of the Teen Program, and the County Library System as a whole had received a \$25,000 Business Services Grant to be used to build a business website.

Ms. Partridge identified the programs offered by the library, stated that the computers at the library were heavily used, detailed coming attractions, described the programs offered in partnership with Friends of Pittsburg Library, and commented that programs planned for the next year included a home bound program. Celebrations as part of National Library Week were also identified. Ms. Partridge noted that National Library Week was a week to recognize the value of libraries and the role that libraries played in maintaining the well being of the community and providing information and services that would enable people to realize his/her education, intellectual and recreational goals.

City Manager Marc Grisham reported that one of the City's recent financial advisors had sought an appropriate organization to provide a donation to help better the community and the young people in the community. The Mayor and the City Council had indicated that there would be no better place for such a donation than the Pittsburg Library.

As a result, Councilmember Glynn, Chairman of the Library Committee, presented a check for \$6,500 from Public Financial Management to the Pittsburg Library to help pay the costs of additional materials for the library.

Ms. Partridge expressed her appreciation for the donation.

2. Presentation by PG&E

Public Works Director John Fuller noted that in July 2004 the chiller at City Hall had failed and the City Council had awarded a \$140,000 contract for the replacement of that unit. Repair of the unit had been estimated at from \$90,000 to \$100,000. During the process of preparing the replacement project, a meeting with PG&E's Service Representative Laura Elliott had indicated that the City might qualify for an energy rebate from PG&E.

LAURA ELLIOTT, representing PG&E, acknowledged that the new chiller was more efficient than the old model. The annual kilowatt hours saved had been estimated at 36,000 with the load shed representing 30 kilowatts, a 10 percent savings, avoiding an annual energy cost of \$5,400. The environmental impact to the system was roughly 336 tons of carbon dioxide emissions, 186 pounds of nitrogen ox emissions and 5 pounds of SO² emissions over the 10-year expected life of the new chiller.

As a result, Ms. Elliott presented the City with a \$72,000 rebate from PG&E representing half of the project cost.

3. New City Employee Introductions

Human Resources Director Marc Fox presented the second quarter introduction of new City Employees, which included new Assistant City Manager Matt Rodriguez who had been introduced at the last meeting.

Director of Housing and Community Programs Annette Landry introduced Teresa Talamantes, who had previously worked in the Department as a temp but who had now been hired as the new Administrative Assistant in the Housing and Community Programs Department.

TERESA TALAMANTES thanked the Council for the opportunity to work for the City. She was proud to be a part of the Housing Authority staff and proud to serve the citizens of Pittsburg and make a success of the program.

Director of the Redevelopment Agency Garrett Evans introduced Kerry Lyman, the new Project Manager with the Agency, currently working on the Mechanics Bank project, the Tenth Street/Railroad Avenue Corridor, and the Mid-Rise Request for Proposal (RFP).

KERRY LYMAN expressed his pleasure working with the City on some great projects.

Police Chief Aaron Baker introduced Cady Richards and Jacqueline Hussain, both assigned to the Records Division of the Police Department.

JACQUELINE HUSSAIN stated that the Pittsburg Police Department had been very welcoming to her and she was pleased to work for such a great department.

CADY RICHARDS agreed and thanked the City for the opportunity.

On behalf of the Mayor and the entire City Council, Vice Mayor Kee welcomed all new employees to the City.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/REMARKS

Councilmember Johnson reported that he had attended the Urban Limit Line (ULL) meeting, two veterans meetings, had been asked to be on Congressman George Miller's staff for Veterans Affairs, and had attended the Finance Committee meeting and a Legislative Dinner in Sacramento where he had met with some of the members of the Legislature.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REMARKS

City Manager Marc Grisham reported with respect to the Growth Management Compliance Checklist that it had been brought to his attention by Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) staff that the CCTA Board was expected to approve the first payment of \$628,472 to the City of Pittsburg for its share of Measure C funds.

Mr. Grisham also pointed out some of the upcoming events in Old Town including an event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Pride of Pittsburg Dining Tour on April 16 between 1:30 and 5:00 P.M. Fourteen restaurants were participating in the event at a cost of \$15 per person.

On Sunday, April 10, for Old Town Sounds, the High School Jazz Band would play in Muniz Plaza. The April Chamber of Commerce Mixer would be held on April 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the Senior Center. The Senior Vendor Fair would be held on April 9 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., also at the Senior Center. In addition, PACO would sponsor the Art Show on April 15 through April 17, and April 23 through April 24, at City Hall.

CITIZEN REMARKS

ROGER RILEY, Pittsburg, noted that no agenda had been posted on the City's website.

JESSE GOLDEN, El Sobrante, Director, Delta Community Technology Center, presented a letter to the City Council regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. She noted that OPTIC, Opportunities for Technology Information Careers had previously been generously supported by City funds.

Ms. Golden commented that there was also an evening standalone program at the Delta Community Technology Center, which was an evening drop-in program, aimed at providing low-income Contra Costa area residents with basic technology, literacy and language skills. Last year the program had been supported by the City through a \$5,000 grant of CDBG funds which had helped keep the program open. The grant ended in June 2004 but the program had been kept open through cutbacks, an increased use of volunteers and contributions through the Pittsburg Adult Education and other CDBG funds.

Ms. Golden was aware that this year the committee had declined to recommend OPTIC'S CDBG funding request. While she understood that CDBG funds were limited, she emphasized that the Council should be aware that in the almost two years that the program had been open, it had served over 500 people, 20 percent of whom were City residents. All but three were low income. Sixty percent were extremely low income. Only 20 percent of those served spoke English as a first language and 77 percent came to the program to get basic language, literacy, technology skills, or to get or keep a job.

Ms. Golden requested that the Council reevaluate its decision on the expenditure of CDBG funds in that even if the program received CDBG funds elsewhere it may be forced to close.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:51 P.M. with all Councilmembers present or absent as initially shown.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **RESOLUTION 05-10269** Approval of the Redevelopment Agency List of Projects, Combined w/RDA 05-1041 Allocations, and Funding Sources

The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Pittsburg was engaging in various activities in its efforts to remove the blighting conditions that still remained in the Los Medanos Community Development Project Area. Due to the complexity of the projects and the varying funding sources, the Agency desired to establish a list of projects, their allocations, and their funding sources.

In Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, the City Council took the following action:

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Glynn and carried unanimously to adopt City Council Resolution 05-10269.

CONSIDERATION

1. **RESOLUTION 05-10262** Support of the Community Development Block Grant Program

Director of Housing and Community Programs Annette Landry reported that the City Council was being asked to support a resolution in support of the continuation of the CDBG program. The Mayor and the City Council had supported letters of support which had been sent to both Senators Boxer and Feinstein and to Congressman Miller. In response to those letters, the Mayor had received a letter from Senator Boxer who had made it clear she was very much in support of the continuation of the CDBG Program and for it to remain under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) without being transferred to the Department of Commerce as had been recommended by President Bush.

As stated in Senator Boxer's letter, she had joined with 54 of her Senate colleagues in support of the continuation of the program urging the Senate Budget Committee to provide \$4.7 billion in CDBG funds for the 2006 year.

Ms. Landry noted that the CDBG Program had been in existence for over 30 years. The City of Pittsburg had become an entitlement City in 1995 and had been providing grant funds for both non-profits and other City departments for much needed public services, infrastructure projects and the like. Any severe reduction of funds would affect a number of agencies.

There would be no fiscal impact. Ms. Landry recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the continuation of the CDBG program and urge Congress to restore its current level of funding. The City Manager had also requested that a letter be sent to President Bush with a copy of the Council's resolution, should it be adopted.

Vice Mayor Kee welcomed any public comment. There was none.

Councilmember Casey stated that he had spoken to Senator Feinstein's staff who was in concurrence with the request to the President.

Vice Mayor Kee advised that each member of the Council at one point in time had served on the CDBG Committee and were aware of the need for the CDBG funds.

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Casey and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 05-10262.

2. **MINUTE ORDER** Urban Limit Line Update

On December 20, 2004, the City Council adopted a resolution in support of maintaining the current Urban Limit Line through 2011, with minor exceptions, provided other jurisdictions also supported maintaining the line. Other cities do not. The Council was asked to provide staff direction on its current position on the matter.

There was no fiscal impact.

As the City representative on the ULL Task Force, Councilmember Glynn reported

that Contra Costa County officials had been engaged for some months on the status of the ULL with respect to final adjustments of the ULL as it related to Measure C and the newly adopted Measure J. He noted that Measure C would not deadline until 2009. Measure J would take effect immediately thereafter.

Councilmember Glynn summarized the requests for adjustment to the ULL, particularly by the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Pittsburg, Concord, Clayton and others. He explained that the issue was contentious given all the cities, the County, environmental and other interests and he reiterated that the deliberations had been ongoing for many months without resolution.

At the last meeting on March 31, Councilmember Glynn reported that a straw vote had indicated that the County's position was to hold with what was called Position C, which had been adopted several weeks ago and which had been prepared by business and environmental interests along with the County. He explained that there had been some recommended modifications to that position and he listed the cities that supported the position as submitted or as amended, or had not indicated any position at this point.

Councilmember Glynn stated that the issue brought up serious questions related to Measure J which stipulated that four out of five members of the Board of Supervisors had to agree where the ULL would be placed and where 75 percent of the total population of Contra Costa County must agree on the ULL. Noting the current stalemate, without a resolution those cities that wanted to adjust the ULL would have to put a measure on the ballot and those favoring Position C as defined by the Board of Supervisors would also have a ballot measure, with a potential third ballot measure as an alternative. The Task Force had asked each City Council to vote on the issue, which could not occur at this time since the proper notification had not been possible.

Councilmember Glynn emphasized the impasse, stated that meetings with the Board of Supervisors and other interested parties would occur to consider a compromise, and noted that the issue was significant because long term planning was not possible without a stable ULL. He also noted other issues in contention with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), which agency controlled land use issues independently, and which had indicated that it did not want any parcels of land split by adjustment to the ULL. He added that 6,400 acres at issue were controlled by the County inside the ULL, such as the Byron Airport, Bethel Island and Discovery Bay. The next Countywide meeting had been scheduled for April 28.

Councilmember Johnson supported Councilmember Glynn's comments and stated that he had also attended the ULL meetings. He was concerned that when the County built outside the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI) and its area, the same fees did not apply, which was an issue that would have to be addressed.

Vice Mayor Kee opened the discussion to public comment.

ROGER RILEY, Pittsburg, understood that other East County cities had desired

additional acreage for an inventory to allow future development. He asked what inventory the City of Pittsburg had to build inside the ULL.

Planning Director Melissa Ayres explained that she did not have that information available, although she noted that information was located in the Housing Element and she would be more than willing to review that information with Mr. Riley. She commented that each city had recently updated its General Plans which had envisioned development through 2020. Since Measure J would extend to 2034, the General Plans would have to be amended in order to bring the land into the ULL but not annex until the infrastructure was in place to allow the development to occur.

Mr. Grisham identified a City population of 60,000 with an approximate 83,000 build out in the General Plan, allowing the ability to add 23,000 more residents into the City with a significant amount of housing units such as San Marco, Highlands Ranch, Sky Ranch II and the projects in the downtown, which could be built in the current City limits.

When asked, Ms. Ayres referred to the Montreux property as well as Thomas Ranch, San Marco Hills, and Nortonville Valley as properties in the City's General Plan slated for future housing.

Councilmember Glynn expressed his willingness to discuss the issue in detail with anyone interested in learning more about the ULL situation. He noted that there was over 1,500 acres of land proposed to be included inside the City limits that would be dedicated to either park and recreational areas or wetlands out of a total of 2,400 acres. He stated that of the land the City was trying to acquire there was only 735 buildable acres of land. One of the areas the City was attempting to acquire would have no residential housing of any kind, which was the property in and around the Mirant Power Plant property and along the waterfront area.

ROGER RILEY, Pittsburg, commented that his property bordered the Thomas Ranch. He asked to be included in that annexation, if possible.

Councilmember Glynn stated that based on a preliminary examination of the map under discussion, it was his understanding that Mr. Riley's property would be inside the ULL.

On motion by Councilmember Glynn, seconded by Councilmember Johnson and carried unanimously to adopt the Minute Order approving the update on the ULL.

Vice Mayor Kee thanked Councilmember Glynn for his tireless work on the issue.

3. **RESOLUTION 05-10263** Resolution in Support of Creation of a National Cemetery at the Concord Naval Weapons Station

Mr. Grisham advised that the United Veterans Council had requested support from

the Pittsburg City Council to request the Department of Veterans Affairs to designate an appropriate portion of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station for a National Cemetery. He referenced the extremely large military veteran population within the Bay Area and the need to have a cemetery for veterans since the closest military cemeteries in the Bay Area were no longer accommodating burials. Since the Concord Naval Weapons Station was on a list for potential closure, he suggested that the site could be suitable for a National Cemetery. He also noted that the largest wartime disaster that had taken place in the Continental U.S. had occurred at the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

The United Veterans Council including the Disabled Americans Veterans Chapter #154, American Legion Post #151, and VFW Post #1898 had requested that the Department of Veterans Affairs designate an appropriate portion of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station for a National Cemetery.

There was no fiscal impact. It was recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution in support of the creation of a National Cemetery at the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

Vice Mayor Kee opened the discussion to public comment. There was none.

As a member of the United Veterans Council, Councilmember Johnson stated that the same resolution was being submitted to each of the 19 cities in the County. He had received confirmation that 12 jurisdictions would support the resolution. He noted that the State Legislature was working on the request as was the local Congressional Delegation. He described the area of the Concord Naval Weapons Station that was being targeted for the request as an appropriate area that was segregated from the area of the full base. He understood that the City of Concord had agreed not to build on 46 percent of that area in order to make it open space or parks. He added that the Mayor of the City of Concord was also supportive of the request.

As an active member of all of the same organizations and a 30 year military veteran, Councilmember Glynn supported the request.

Vice Mayor Kee stated that he could find no other use as appropriate for the land in question given the history of the area and the Port Chicago disaster, to honor those who had lost their lives and to turn the land into a National Cemetery.

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Glynn and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 05-10263.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Kee advised that he would abstain from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Glynn, to adopt

the Consent Calendar carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Casey, Glynn, Johnson
Noes: None
Abstain: Kee
Absent: Parent

- a. **MINUTES** Dated: March 21, 2005
Approved minutes dated March 21, 2005.
- b. **CLAIMS** #1635 Jessie McKneely; #1636 Vickie Davis
Denied claims #1635 Jessie McKneely and #1636 Vickie Davis.
- c. **ORDINANCE 05-1240** Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Overlay District Standards for 1.74 Acres at 1201 California Avenue (Hampton Inn and Suites AP-05-186 (RZ))
Adopted Ordinance 05-1240.
- d. **RESOLUTION 05-10264** Awarding Contract 2000-05, Phase II, Traffic Signal Installation, Route 4 Off-Ramp and San Marco Boulevard/Willow Pass Road to Steiny and Company, Inc. of Vallejo, California
Adopted Resolution 05-10264.
- e. **RESOLUTION 05-10265** Authorization to Pay Annual Fees for Animal Services Throughout the Life of the Agreement Between the City of Pittsburg and Contra Costa County Animal Services Entered into July 1, 1986
Adopted Resolution 05-10265.
- f. **RESOLUTION 05-10266** Allocation of Redevelopment Funds and Authorizing Staff to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with Black & Veatch Corp. to Provide Engineering Services for the Southwest Hills Water Improvements Project
Combined w/RDA 05-1044
In Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, adopted City Council Resolution 05-10266.
- g. **RESOLUTION 05-10267** Award the 2004/05 CDBG Handicap Ramp Installation Project
Adopted Resolution 05-10267.

- h. **RESOLUTION 05-10268** Award Consultant Contract for Engineering Services Associated with the Site Selection and Design of a New Municipal Well

Adopted Resolution 05-10268.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:20 P.M. in ***Memory of Pope John Paul II*** to April 18, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian J. Pride, City Clerk

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