

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE  
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL  
AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE  
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA  
MARCH 18, 2003

The Concord City Council and Redevelopment Agency met in a special joint meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2003. The meeting convened at 6:37 p.m. in the Council Chamber, with Mayor/Agencymember Peterson presiding. The pledge to the flag was led by Boy Scout Chad Whiting. Minutes follow in abbreviated form per Resolution 3361 and Council Minutes of September 26, 1966.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Helen Allen, Susan Bonilla, Laura Hoffmeister, Bill McManigal, Mark Peterson

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Rae Lehman, City Clerk; Craig Labadie, City Attorney; Lydia Du Borg, Assistant City Manager; Greg Jones, Assistant City Manager; Jim Forsberg, Director of Planning and Economic Development; Mike Vogan, Director of Public Works-Maintenance Services; Deborah Raines, Planning Manager

MEMBERS OF AUDIENCE  
WHO ADDRESSED COUNCIL: Joe Partansky, Concord; Randolph Hopkins and Anthony Colombo, Concord; Roger Acuna, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Randolph Hopkins and Anthony Colombo addressed the City Council regarding the lack of bicycling facilities in Concord and presented them with maps of bike parks in the Bay area.

Joe Partansky asked the City Council to declare March 16-22 as Media Democracy Week and read a proclamation.

Roger Acuna requested that the City Council reverse its action to authorize amicus curiae participation in the case of Barden v. City of Sacramento, regarding making cities responsible for removing obstructions from sidewalks to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Joe Partansky asked that Mr. Acuna's request be scheduled for consideration at an upcoming meeting of the Council Committee on Policy Development and Internal Operations.

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

AGREEMENT WITH FRANCISCO AND ASSOCIATES - Sewer Service Charge Increase Notification

Motion was made by McManigal and seconded by Allen to approve an agreement for professional services with Francisco & Associates in the amount of \$19,500 for preparation and mailing of the Proposition 218 sewer service charge increase notice, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS - Project No. 913, Mt. Diablo Creek Erosion Protection at Ayers Road Bridge

Motion was made by McManigal and seconded by Allen to accept improvements for Project No. 913, Mt. Diablo Creek Erosion Protection at Ayers Road Bridge, constructed by Oracle Landscape, and to direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH DYETT AND BHATIA - Update of City of Concord General Plan

Planning Manager Deborah Raines presented a report, referring to her memorandum dated March 18, 2003 regarding approving an amendment to the agreement with Dyett & Bhatia in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to update the City's General Plan, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment. She stated that in July 2002 the City Council entered into an agreement with the consulting firm Dyett & Bhatia to develop a new Zoning Ordinance. Following the Council's action, Dyett & Bhatia initiated the Zoning Ordinance Update and conducted background research, which included a review of the City's current General Plan, she said. This review resulted in the conclusion that, in order to continue with the Zoning Ordinance project, a comprehensive update of the 1994 General Plan would be necessary.

She described the inconsistencies in the General Plan and explained the proposed General Plan update process, which would include several study sessions and community workshops to solicit public input. She concluded that staff recommends that the Council approve an amendment to the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with Dyett & Bhatia to update the City's General Plan.

Following comments from Councilmembers, motion was made by Allen and seconded by McManigal to approve the amendment to the agreement as recommended, and to authorize the City Manager to execute it. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MATTERS

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. City of Concord Treasurer's Report for January, 2003.
- b. City of Concord Redevelopment Agency Investment Report dated January 31, 2003.
- c. Letter dated March 11, 2003 from Roger Acuna requesting that the City Council reverse its action to authorize amicus curiae participation in the case of Barden v. City of Sacramento, regarding making cities responsible for removing obstructions from sidewalks to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on the recent re-opening of Gallery Concord.

Vice Mayor Allen reported on her recent attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C.

By order of the chair, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

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MARK A.PETERSON  
MAYOR/AGENCYMEMBER

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LAURA M. HOFFMEISTER  
COUNCILMEMBER/AGENCY CHAIR

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MARY RAE LEHMAN  
CITY CLERK/AGENCY SECRETARY