

City Council, Regular Meeting
 Civic Center Council Chambers
 777 Cypress Avenue
 Redding, California
 January 16, 2007 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Boy Scout Troop No. 37.

The Invocation was offered by Police Chaplain Betty Charlene Payment.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dickerson with the following Council Members present: Bosetti, Jones, Murray, and Stegall.

Also present were City Manager Starman, Assistant City Manager Bachman, City Attorney Duvernay, Development Services Director Hamilton, Transportation and Engineering Director Tippin, Community Services Director Niemer, Senior Redevelopment Project Coordinator Morgon, City Clerk Strohmayer, Assistant City Clerk Sherman, and Executive Assistant Stribley.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(E-050-P-100-150)

Ms. Hollis Gillespie, representing Turtle Bay Exploration Park, in partnership with the McConnell Foundation, Rotary International, and the Redding Bank of Commerce, announced that the City of Redding's Mosaiculture art entry, entitled "Cowboy Style," received second place among 87 entries from cities throughout the world at the International Mosaiculture Event held in Shanghai, China in 2006. She presented the trophy to Council Member Murray, who promoted and participated in the Mosaiculture Event.

On behalf of the City and the City Council, Council Member Murray accepted the prestigious award and thanked the many volunteers who participated.

PRESENTATION - Diane Abair for service on the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)

(B-080-600-100)

Mayor Dickerson advised that Ms. Abair was unable to attend the meeting, but expressed appreciation on behalf of the City and City Council for her services on the Community Development Advisory Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters were considered inclusively under the Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes - Regular and Special Meetings of January 2, 2007

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers

(A-050-100-500)

It is recommended that Accounts Payable Register No. 13, check numbers 847509 through 847930 inclusive, in the amount of \$6,529,056.60, for the period of January 1, 2007, through January 12, 2007; and Payroll Register No. 14 electronic deposit transaction numbers 198813 through 199604 and check numbers 534267 through 534406 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,295,524.20, for the period of December 17, 2006, through December 30, 2006, be approved.

TOTAL: \$8,824,580.80

Mutual Aid Agreement - Municipal Electric Utilities and Rural Electric Cooperatives

(E-090-077)

It is the recommendation of the Electric Utility Director that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement to enable Redding Electric Utility (REU) to receive aid from or render aid to more than 700 municipal electric utility signatories.

Status Report - Sports Complex Soccer Park

(P-050-690 & P-050-600-200)

It is the recommendation of the Community Services Director that the City Council accept the report regarding the Sports Complex Soccer Park for December 2006.

Resolution - Appropriating funds for Settlement Agreement with Neil S. Christman, et al.
(B-130-070 & L-100)

It is the recommendation of the Assistant City Manager that Resolution No. 2007-02 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, approving and adopting the 59th amendment to City Budget Resolution No. 2005-77 appropriating \$129,300 for the Christman Settlement Agreement regarding City of Redding v. Neil S. Christman, et al., Shasta County Superior Court Case No. 156391, for property located at the Redding Airport Business Park for fiscal year 2006-07.

Resolution - Appropriating funds for Library operation
(B-130-070 & L-050)

It is the recommendation of the Assistant City Manager that Resolution No. 2007-03 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, approving and adopting the 60th amendment to City Budget Resolution No. 2005-77 appropriating \$581,990 for operation of the Redding Municipal Library and the Shasta County Branch Libraries in the cities of Anderson and Burney for fiscal year 2006-07.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report - Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2006
(F-205-150-075)

It is the recommendation of the Assistant City Manager that the City Council accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006.

Accept the Partial Improvements - Rivercrest Estates Subdivision Unit 2; and
Resolution - Accepting two streets for maintenance and operation
(S-101-045 & S-070-230)

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that the City Council accept a portion of the improvements in Rivercrest Estates Subdivision Unit 2 (S-7-02), located east of Bechelli Lane and south of Woodacre Drive, by D. R. Horton, Inc. (with that portion located adjacent to and including Egret Way and Rivercrest Parkway) as being satisfactorily completed. A partial improvements acceptance is necessary to create a detour from Woodacre Drive to Bechelli Lane.

It is further recommended that Resolution No. 2007-04 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding accepting two streets (Egret Way and Rivercrest Parkway) in the Rivercrest Estates Subdivision Unit 2 for maintenance and operation.

Resolution - Delegating Subcontractor Substitution Authority to the City Engineer
(B-050-020 & S-070-200-400)

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that Resolution No. 2007-05 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, delegating the authority as the City of Redding authorized officer to the City Engineer to substitute subcontractors on public works contracts pursuant to Public Contract Code § 4107 including Bid Schedule No. 3969, North Market Landscaping Project and future capital contracts.

Insurance Policy Renewal - Property/Boiler and Machinery for Redding Power Plant
(R-100-375-200 & R-100-375-550)

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Director that the City Council authorize staff to purchase a one-year policy for the property/boiler and machinery at the Redding Power Plant from Liberty International in the amount of \$246,207 for fiscal year 2007-08, effective February 5, 2007, to February 4, 2008.

Resolution - Amending the Memorandum of Understanding with the Services Employees International Union - Clerical-Technical-Professional
(P-100-050-124)

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Director that Resolution No. 2007-06 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Services Employees International Union (SEIU) - Clerical-Technical-Professional (CTP), amending the Exempt Schedule of Classifications and Salary Ranges, amending the classification titles for the Senior, Associate, and Assistant

Redevelopment Project Coordinator positions by adding "Community," i.e., Associate Redevelopment/Community Project Coordinator.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stegall, seconded by Council Member Jones, that all the foregoing items on the Consent Calendar be approved and adopted as recommended.

The Vote:

AYES: Council Members - Bosetti, Jones, Murray, Stegall, and Dickerson

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSTAIN: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

Resolution Nos. 2007-02, 2007-03, 2007-04, 2007-05, and 2007-06 are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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LETTER OF RESIGNATION - Emmett Burroughs from the Redding Board of Appeals (B-080-050)

Mayor Dickerson announced that Emmett Burroughs submitted a letter of resignation from the Redding Board of Appeals in order to serve on the Redding Planning Commission. On behalf of the City Council, the Mayor thanked Mr. Burroughs for his continued service to the community.

No action was required on this informational item.

LETTER - Citizens for Smart Growth opposing an Auto Mall in the Churn Creek Bottom Area (L-010-075-575/S-010/E-050)

City Manager Starman explained that the County of Shasta is currently considering a General Plan amendment and zoning change to accommodate construction of a proposed auto mall at Knighten Road and Interstate 5 (I-5). In response to this action, the City of Redding received a letter from the Citizens for Smart Growth opposing the Auto Mall in the Churn Creek Bottom Area and requested that the Redding City Council take a formal position in opposition to the project.

Mr. Starman pointed out that because the proposed Knighten Road auto mall project is not within the City limits and outside the City's Sphere of Influence, it would be unusual for the City to make recommendations to the County regarding such a proposal. He noted that Development Services Director Hamilton responded to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) circulated by Shasta County and these comments serve as an official and appropriate response.

Dr. Ron Reece, President of the North Valley Medical Association and representing Citizens for Smart Growth, urged the City Council to officially oppose the proposed Churn Creek Bottom Auto Mall project at Knighten Road and convey that opposition to the Shasta County Planning Commission and ultimately to the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

Council Member Murray pointed out that the Board of Supervisors and the City Council represent the same constituency, and that it is more appropriate that these constituents voice concerns to the elected representatives which have authority over the project. He maintained that it is inappropriate for the City Council to make comments other than those solicited by the Board of Supervisors, such as the EIR circulation.

Council Member Stegall concurred; and, although she shared some of the concerns of the Citizens for Smart Growth, she agreed that comments beyond the EIR would be inappropriate. Ms. Stegall said that the upcoming tax-sharing agreement discussions between the City Council and the Board of Supervisors would present a proper forum for discussion of such projects, but believed that planning a community around sales tax is the wrong approach to growth.

Council Member Jones concurred that this project is a County land use issue and not within the City's purview.

Council Member Bosetti recalled that he supported a similar project several years ago and supports the proposed project. He believed that a tax-sharing agreement would be a pivotal undertaking for planning the community. He also urged consideration of extending City services to the area suggesting that it would benefit the existing school and truck stop.

Mayor Dickerson believed it would not be appropriate for the City Council to support or oppose a County project, particularly in light of the upcoming tax-sharing discussions planned with the County in February.

PUBLIC HEARING - Rezoning Application RZ-16-06

ORDINANCE - Amending the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments and Adopting the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Zoning Ordinance (L-010-230)

The hour of 7:00 p.m. having arrived, Mayor Dickerson opened the public hearing regarding Rezoning Application RZ-16-06, proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments and the Addendum to the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Zoning Ordinance.

The following documents are on file in the Office of the City Clerk:

Affidavit of Publication - Notice of Public Hearing

City Clerk Strohmayer advised that no protests were received.

Development Services Director Hamilton provided highlights of the Report to City Council dated January 16, 2007, incorporated herein by reference, recalling that the Zoning Ordinance became effective December 5, 2002. Since that time, staff has had an opportunity to “test” the Code and has identified certain areas which should be modified, clarified, eliminated or relaxed in order to provide flexibility and other areas where inconsistencies should be corrected and “clean-up” issues addressed.

Mr. Hamilton stated that certain findings must be made that the City prepared an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration and based on this Addendum, the proposed text revisions will not have any significant impact on the environment and that the Addendum and its supporting documentation reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the City.

Mr. Hamilton recommended that the City Council make the necessary findings to adopt the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, offer the ordinance for first reading making text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, waive the full reading of the ordinance, and authorize the City Clerk to publish a summary ordinance.

Mayor Dickerson determined that no one present wished to address this matter and closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stegall, seconded by Council Member Murray making findings as set forth above and adopting the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Zoning Ordinance, approving Rezoning Application RZ-16-06, Zoning Ordinance text amendments by amending various portions of Title 18 of the Redding Municipal Code.

The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

Council Member Stegall offered Ordinance 2381 for first reading, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redding amending Title 18 of the Redding Municipal Code as set forth in Rezoning Application RZ-16-06.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stegall, seconded by Council Member Murray, that the full reading of Ordinance 2381 be waived, that the City Attorney be instructed to read the full title, and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish a summary ordinance.

The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

AUDITOR’S COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS

(F-205-150 & F-205-150-075)

Council Member Bosetti provided an overview of the Report to City Council dated January 3, 2007, regarding the draft Independent Auditor’s Recommendations to Management and the Single Audit Reports for the year ended June 30, 2006. He said the financial statements

were audited by the independent audit firm of Caporicci & Larsen which reported that there were no instances of noncompliance within the City's the statements. Mr. Bosetti also said that the Audit Committee also reviewed and accepted the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which, for the 22nd consecutive year, was awarded the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

Council Member Bosetti recommended that the City Council accept the Independent Auditor's Communication to Management and the Single Audit Reports for the year ended June 30, 2006.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Murray, seconded by Council Member Bosetti, accepting the Independent Auditor's Communication and Single Audit Reports for the year ended June 30, 2006. The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

FINAL SUMMARY REPORT - Downtown Parking Ad Hoc Committee
(P-030 & B-080-600)

Senior Redevelopment Project Coordinator Morgon recalled that on June 6, 2006, the City Council approved the formation of the Downtown Parking Ad Hoc Committee to review issues of parking in the Downtown area. He provided slides of various portions of the "Downtown Parking Committee Summary Report to the City Council" (Report) which depicted the Downtown area juxtaposed to the Mt. Shasta Mall. Mr. Morgon explained that a parking occupancy survey was conducted during a peak midday, midweek period which revealed that only half of the available Study Area private and public parking spaces were occupied. A count was also taken during a theater performance at the Cascade Theatre and it was determined that 54% of the spaces were being utilized in that area.

Mr. Morgon said that the result of the surveys suggests that the parking problem, or lack of parking, in the Downtown area is perceived rather than factual. Due to the lack of connection from one location to another, distance is exaggerated or incalculable because of fixed buildings that exist in the Downtown. He cautioned, however, that while it appears that sufficient parking is not an issue at this time, if growth continues at its present rate, there will be a problem within the next five years. He pointed out that the Committee provided recommendations within the Report for short- and long-term solutions.

Mr. Morgon recommended that the City Council accept the Report and consider the recommendations of the Report in the upcoming budget process.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Murray, seconded by Council Member Bosetti, accepting the "Downtown Parking Committee Summary Report to the City Council" and directing staff to include the recommendations of the Report in the upcoming budget process.

The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

UPDATE ON MAJOR PROJECTS - Lake Boulevard Revitalization Activities
(A-050-080 & A-050-110)

City Manager Starman recalled that the Redding Redevelopment Agency has been diligently working to improve and rehabilitate certain target neighborhoods throughout the City such as the Parkview Neighborhood and the Martin Luther King Neighborhood through upgrades and elimination of blight. Approximately a year ago, a new target neighborhood was identified in the Lake Boulevard corridor.

Senior Redevelopment Project Coordinator Morgon advised that the Lake Boulevard corridor project is located within the Buckeye Redevelopment Project Area and was formed as a joint project with the County of Shasta. He stated that the City acquired some property in the location, and has identified an area for an in-fill housing project.

Community Services Director Niemer related a newly-purchased parcel in the Lake Boulevard corridor, adjacent to a parcel purchased by the Gateway Unified School District, is proposed to become a joint-use park and community center. She stated that a survey is being circulated in the area to acquire neighborhood input, demographic information, and priorities for improvement which, along with information from public agencies, will be utilized to develop a neighborhood profile report to assist in development of a neighborhood plan for the area.

No action was required on this informational item.

RESOLUTION - Amending the Memorandum of Understanding - Service Employees International Union - Clerical, Technical, Professional and Supervisory/Confidential
RESOLUTION - Appropriating funds for new positions in Municipal Utilities Department (P-100-050-124/B-130-070/A-050-165)

Municipal Utilities Director Cupp recalled that the City Council, at its meeting of December 6, 2005, authorized creation of a new position within the Municipal Utilities Department, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Coordinator, and filling an existing GIS Analyst position, both of which have remained unfunded up to this time. After development of duties and specifications for the NPDES Coordinator position and negotiations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), it was determined to place the NPDES position in the SEIU Supervisory/Confidential Exempt Employee Schedule of Classifications and Salary Ranges, with a salary range of \$3,813 to \$5,366 per month.

Mr. Cupp stated that while studying the various classifications, it was determined that Water Systems Specialist, which resembled the NPDES position, should be moved from the SEIU Clerical, Technical, and Professional (CTP) Non-Exempt Employee Schedule of Classifications and Salary Ranges to the Supervisory/Confidential Exempt Classification because it was similar in duties and requirements to the NPDES Coordinator. He related that additionally, the single position of Hazardous Waste Specialist was eliminated because of State regulations and three classifications, Hazardous Waste Technician, Hazardous Waste Specialist I, and Hazardous Waste Specialist II, were created with commensurate levels of education, experience, and training requirements. These did not result in new positions but adjusted salary ranges depict the levels of experience and training required.

Mr. Cupp recommended that a resolution be adopted amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SEIU - CTP and Supervisory/Confidential Classifications and Salary Schedules, creating a new position of NPDES Coordinator, changing the Water Systems Specialist from CTP to Supervisory/Confidential, and dividing the Hazardous Waste position into three classifications. He further recommended that a resolution be adopted appropriating \$133,780 for the NPDES Coordinator and the GIS positions for fiscal year 2006-07.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stegall, seconded by Council Member Jones, adopting Resolution No. 2007-07, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, amending the Service Employees International Union-Clerical, Technical, Professional Employees and Supervisory/Confidential Employee Classification and Salary Schedules to include changes as set forth above, effective January 14, 2007.

The Vote:

AYES:	Council Members - Bosetti, Jones, Murray, Stegall, and Dickerson
NOES:	Council Members - None
ABSTAIN:	Council Members - None
ABSENT:	Council Members - None

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stegall, seconded by Council Member Jones, adopting Resolution No. 2007-08, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, approving and adopting the 61st amendment to City Budget Resolution No. 2005-77 appropriating \$133,780 to fund the existing GIS Analyst position and the new NPDES Coordinator position.

The Vote:

AYES:	Council Members - Bosetti, Jones, Murray, Stegall, and Dickerson
NOES:	Council Members - None
ABSTAIN:	Council Members - None
ABSENT:	Council Members - None

Resolution Nos. 2007-07 and 2007-08 are on file in the Office of the City Clerk

ORAL REPORT - City Council Member attendance at conferences/meetings reimbursed at City expense (Requirement of Assembly Bill 1234) (A-050-060)

Council Member Jones reported attending the League of California Cities 2007 Mayors and Council Members Academy Leadership Institute in Sacramento, January 10 through January 12, 2007.

Council Member Murray reported attending the League of California Cities Environmental Quality Electric Committee meeting in Sacramento on January 12, 2007. He related that the Redding Electric Utility was selected to provide assistance in development of certain policies.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 8:20 p.m., Mayor Dickerson declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk