

City Council, Regular Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
777 Cypress Avenue  
Redding, California  
August 19, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was lead by Mike Warren.

The Invocation was provided by Redding Police Chaplain Cyndee Thomas.

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

Also present were City Manager Starman, Assistant City Manager Tippin, City Attorney Duvernay, Development Services Director Hamilton, Transportation and Engineering Director Crane, Police Chief Moty, Community Services Director Niemer, Management Assistant to City Manager Clark, City Clerk Strohmayer, and Assistant City Clerk Sherman.

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RESOLUTION - Commending retiring Fire Chief Duane Fry for dedicated service to the City  
(A-050-060 & A-050-140)

On behalf of the City Council and the community, Mayor Stegall thanked Fire Chief Fry for his dedicated service to the City over the past five years and for having served for more than 33 years with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire).

Chief Fry thanked the City for the opportunity to serve.

**MOTION:** Made by Council Member Dickerson, seconded by Council Member Bosetti, adopting Resolution No. 2008-146, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding commending retiring Fire Chief Duane Fry for five years of outstanding dedicated service to the City. The Vote:

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

Resolution No. 2008-146 is on file in the Office of the City Clerk

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CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters were considered inclusively under the Consent Calendar.

Approval of Minutes - Regular and Special Meeting of August 5, 2008

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Register

(A-050-100-500)

It is recommended that Accounts Payable Register No. 3, check numbers 865395 through 865866 inclusive, in the amount of \$11,593,402.84, for the period of August 1, 2008, through August 15, 2008; Payroll Register No. 26 electronic deposit transaction numbers 2336655 through 234616 and check numbers 540598 through 540730 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,841,391.73, for the period of June 15, 2008, through June 28, 2008; and Payroll Register No. 3 electronic deposit transaction numbers 236726 through 237707 and check numbers 541106 through 541220 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,860,541.66, for the period of July 27, 2008, through August 9, 2008 be approved.

TOTAL: \$17,295,336.23

Ordinance - Amending Redding Municipal Code chapter 11.12 - *Speed Limits*

(T-080-750)

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that Ordinance No. 2417 be adopted, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redding amending Redding Municipal Code Section 11.12.010 establishing speed zones for Lake Boulevard from St. Marks Street to Clay Street to establish a transition zone from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour, Viking Way from Abernathy Lane to Old Oregon Trail to 40 mph, and Old Oregon Trail from Hartnell Avenue to Harley Leighton Road, 40 mph.

Ordinance - Amending Redding Municipal Code Section 6.14.150-*Authorized (Card Room) Games*

(L-070-030)

It is the recommendation of the City Attorney that Ordinance No. 2418 be adopted, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redding amending Redding Municipal Code Section 6.14.150-*Authorized Games*, to comply with the State Department of Justice, Division of Gambling Control policies and licensing approvals.

Right-of-way and Utility Easements - Redding Redevelopment Agency for the Hilltop Drive Streetscape Project

(C-070-010/S-070-100/ R-030-050-310)

It is the recommendation of the Assistant City Manager that the City Council accept rights-of-way and utility easements from the Redding Redevelopment Agency for property located in the Hilltop Drive corridor for the Hilltop Drive Streetscape Project; and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Certificate of Acceptance for same.

Right-of-way and Utility Easements - Redding Redevelopment Agency for the Churn Creek Road Widening and Realignment Project

(C-070-010/S-070-100/R-030-050-310)

It is the recommendation of the Assistant City Manager that the City Council accept the right-of-way and utility easement from the Redding Redevelopment Agency and authorize the Mayor to execute the Certificate of Acceptance for same located at Assessor Parcel Number 068-300-024 for the Churn Creek Road Widening and Realignment Project.

Amendment No. 5 to Funding Agreement - Superior California Economic Development District

(B-080-500 & B-130-030)

It is the recommendation of the Economic Development Director that the City Council approve Amendment No. 5 for the Funding Agreement with the Superior California Economic Development District for fiscal year 2008-09 and authorize a reduced payment in the amount of \$10,720 for fiscal year 2008-09.

Grant Application - Governor's Office of Emergency Services to combat violent crimes against women

(G-100-070 & P-150-150)

It is the recommendation of the Police Chief that the City Council authorize the Police Department to submit a grant application in the amount of \$146,000 annually for three years (with a 25% match) to the Law Enforcement Specialized Unit Program through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services through the Federal Violence Against Women's Act to improve the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women.

Resolution - Adjusting the Schedule of Fees and Service Charges for the Airports hangar fees

(F-205-600/A-090-020/A-090-100)

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that Resolution No. 2008-148 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding amending the Schedule of Fees and Service Charges relative to the Redding Municipal Airport and Benton Airpark; and directing staff to prepare alternatives for consideration modifying the hangar fee structure.

Lease Termination Agreement - DHL Express (USA) Inc.; and

Lease Agreement - Petroleum Helicopter International (PHI) for hangar and office facility at Redding Municipal Airport

(C-070-100 & A-090-100)

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that the City Council approve the Lease Termination Agreement with DHL Express for hangar and office facilities located at 5900 Old Oregon Trail at the Redding Municipal Airport and approve the Lease Agreement for the same facilities to PHI Air Medical, Inc. for a term of five years beginning September 1, 2008, and expiring August 31, 2013, with an option of one possible extension of five years.

Award of Bid - Bid Schedule No. 4160, Knighton Road Water Main

(B-050-020 & W-030-725)

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that Bid Schedule No. 4160 (Job No. 2316), Knighton Road Water Main be awarded to R.A. Martin

Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$468,078.42, that an additional \$75,000 be approved for administration and inspection fees, and that an additional \$47,000 be approved for a construction contingency fund, for a total amount of \$590,078.42.

Resolution - Approving amendment to the VantageCare Retiree Health Savings Plan document allowing International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) employees to participate

(P-100-050-050)

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Director that Resolution No. 2008-149 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, amending the City's VantageCare Retiree Health Savings Plan to include participation by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) employees, effective September 1, 2008.

Resolution - Amending the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - Supervisory/Confidential Unit Exempt Employee Schedule of Classifications and Wage Rates

(P-100-050-126)

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Director that Resolution No. 2008-150 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, amending the Service Employees International Union-Supervisory/Confidential Exempt Employee Schedule of Classifications and Wage Rates, adding the classification of Water Conservation Specialist with a salary range of \$4,218 to \$5,935 per month.

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

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

Ordinance Nos. 2417 and 2418 and Resolution Nos. 2008-148, 2008-149, and 2008-150 are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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PUBLIC HEARING - Transportation Element of the General Plan

RESOLUTION - Amendments to the Transportation Element of the General Plan, GPA-2-08, and Addendum to Environmental Impact Report EIR-1-98 to the General Plan (G-030-070 & ^L-010-075)

The hour of 7:00 p.m. having arrived, Mayor Stegall opened the public hearing regarding amendments to the Transportation Element of the General Plan, GPA-2-08, and an Addendum to Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the 2000-2020 General Plan.

The following document is 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 August 8, 2008, incorporated herein by reference, stating that General Plan Amendment GPA-2-08 is the first update of the Transportation Element of the City's General Plan as adopted October 3, 2000. He related that two appendices, "A" and "B," set forth the changes to be made such as the elimination of the extension of Canyon Creek Road from Placer Street to Buenaventura Boulevard, elimination of the Old Oregon Trail realignment between Old 44 Drive and Viking Way, and others.

Mr. Hamilton recommended that a resolution be adopted making findings that the City has determined that an addendum to the Final EIR adopted for the 2000-2020 General Plan adequately addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with GPA-2-08 and that the addendum and its supporting documentation reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the City and adopting the Addendum to the General Plan EIR and adopting the amendments to the General Plan Transportation Element as set forth in Appendices "A" and "B."

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

Council Member Murray opposed the amendments believing that the City should have erred on the side of providing more information than legally required in that all affected property owners should have received individual written notification before the matter was concluded. Mr. Hamilton responded that the subject properties contained recorded easements that were provided to the buyers of the lots with their purchase documents and other legal notices provided to the property owners early in the process.

Council Member Dickerson concurred.

**MOTION:** Made by Council Member Bosetti, seconded by Council Member Jones, adopting Resolution No. 2008-151, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, making findings and adopting an Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the General Plan and adopting the General Plan Amendments for the Transportation Element as set forth in GPA-2-08. The Vote:

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

Resolution No. 2008-151 is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE - 2008 Annual League of California Cities Conference  
 (L-040-150)

Mayor Stegall related that the 2008 Annual League of California Cities Conference will be held in Sacramento, September 24-27, 2008, and the City must select a voting delegate and alternate for the Conference.

Because he would be attending the Conference, Council Member Murray volunteered to serve as the City's voting delegate and recommended that Assistant City Manager Tippin be appointed as voting alternate.

**MOTION:** Made by Council Member Dickerson, seconded by Council Member Bosetti, appointing Council Member Murray as voting delegate for the 2008 Annual League of California Cities Conference in Sacramento on September 24-27, 2008, and appointing Assistant City Manager Tippin as voting alternate. The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

RESPONSES TO THE 2007/2008 SHASTA COUNTY GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT  
 (B-080-600-800)

City Manager Starman stated that the 2007/2008 Shasta County Grand Jury Final Report evaluated the City's website and the Stillwater Business Park. He related that many of the Grand Jury recommendations regarding the City's website have already been implemented and the remainder are under construction or consideration.

Mr. Starman advised that the City, with regard to the recommendation that the Stillwater Business Park Project, should have solicited more public input and provided a voter referendum, he pointed out that the Project has been under consideration for almost ten years and numerous public meetings and venues for public input have been provided. He added that regarding a non-binding referendum, the voters have had ample opportunity through the election process to make their wishes known regarding the Project.

**MOTION:** Made by Council Member Murray, seconded by Council Member Jones, authorizing the Mayor to transmit responses to the 2007/2008 Shasta County Grand Jury Final Report regarding the City's website and the Stillwater Business Park Project to the Presiding Judge of the Shasta County Superior Court. The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

RENEWED FUNDING AGREEMENT - Turtle Bay Exploration Park  
 (C-070-250-250 & B-130-070)

Greg Clark, Management Assistant to the City Manager, related that the City has provided \$350,000 in funding to the Turtle Bay Exploration Park (Turtle Bay) for many years. Because of the current economic environment, Mr. Clark advised that staff is proposing to reduce the amount of assistance to Turtle Bay by 1%, or \$5,000, over last year's subsidy.

Mr. Clark recommended that the City Council approve the Renewal Funding Agreement to the Turtle Bay Exploration Park in the amount of \$345,000 for fiscal year 2008-09.

City Manager Starman pointed out that Turtle Bay is not being singled out for reduced funding, but other groups assisted by the City will be reduced as well in an amount of at least 1% or more.

Dennis Cowan, Chair of the Turtle Bay Board of Trustees, Steve Gaston, Doreeta Domke, Evelyn Jacobs and Fran Jenkins, opposed continued reductions to the subsidy for Turtle Bay citing its invaluable contribution to Redding's cultural diversity, education, its return on investment to the City's economy and the potential loss of employment to many in the community.

Gary Cadd, Redding resident, believed the assistance funding to Turtle Bay should be phased out completely over a period of time.

In response to Council Member Bosetti, Mike Warren, Chief Executive Officer for Turtle Bay, outlined many of the reductions being made by Turtle Bay in light of economic conditions throughout the County. However, he pointed out that if the City removed all assistance, Turtle Bay would be unable to operate as it does today.

Council Member Jones expressed support for Turtle Bay as a cultural benefit for the community, but believed that the City should not be providing large sums of money to any non-profit organizations in current economic conditions. He did not support the reduction of \$5,000 but favored a larger reduction of \$150,000.

Council Member Dickerson supported the \$5,000 reduction as necessary in light of the state of the economy, but did not support a larger reduction acknowledging the valuable educational and artistic opportunities it provides and the understood need of most museums to be subsidized by the community they serve.

Council Member Murray pointed out that according to its representatives, Turtle Bay generates approximately \$400,000 per year in tax revenue for the City which overshadows the \$350,000 subsidy, and still provides additional cultural and educational opportunities which would otherwise not exist.

Mayor Stegall believed Turtle Bay was an exceptional amenity for the entire community and the City must help to ensure its continued operation.

**MOTION:** Made by Council Member Murray, seconded by Council Member Dickerson, approving the Renewal Funding Agreement with Turtle Bay Exploration Park in the amount of \$345,000 for fiscal year 2008-09. The Vote:

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

**RESOLUTION** - Opposing fiscally irresponsible State budget decisions to "borrow" local government, redevelopment, and transportation funds (L-040-300)

City Manager Starman recalled that in the 1990's, the state raided the coffers of local agencies in order to balance its budget. Since that time, legislators have adopted several bills in an effort to keep that from recurring. He advised that because the state has not passed its budget as of yet for fiscal year 2007-08, some discussions in the legislative halls are beginning to take place that indicate consideration of a process that would raid local coffers once again.

In response, Mr. Starman recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution opposing such irresponsible decisions that would allow the state to borrow from local governments and agencies to provide funds to assist the state in its economic woes.

**MOTION:** Made by Council Member Murray, seconded by Council Member Jones, adopting Resolution No. 2008-152, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding opposing fiscally irresponsible state budget decisions that would "borrow" local government, redevelopment, and transportation funds.

## The Vote:

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

Resolution No. 2008-152 is on file in the Office of the City Clerk

Council Member Dickerson issued a challenge to organizations such as the Shasta Builders' Exchange, Shasta Voices, and other organizations and citizens to write letters supporting the resolution in an effort to inform the decision makers that the citizens and taxpayers of this community oppose raiding local coffers to balance the state budget.

UPDATE ON MAJOR PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES - Community Creek Clean Up  
 (A-050-080 & S-060-150-135)

Community Services Director Niemer invited the community to enjoy a Turtle Bay Exploration Park free day as part of "Walk This Way" on October 4, 2008.

Community Projects Manager Glover stated that this is the third year of the community creeks cleanups, and this year Clover Creek and Churn Creek will be the focus. The Clean-up will be held on September 6, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and he invited everyone to participate by volunteering. He said that a delicious free lunch will be provided for those who come to pitch in.

Council Member Murray interjected that the creeks are part of the City's storm drain system and this is an opportunity to defray costs of cleaning the creeks/storm drains and save tax dollars.

No action was required on this informational item.

MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW REPORT; and  
RESOLUTION - Adopting adjustments identified in the Mid-Biennial Budget Review Report  
 (B-130-070)

City Manager Starman stated that the weak economy is adversely impacting not only the City of Redding, but other cities and counties throughout the state. In an effort to continue to balance the City's budget and compensate for declining sales tax revenue and building-related fees, the City is proposing some significant reductions and/or cuts for fiscal year 2008-09.

Mr. Starman related that all the City's General Fund departments have been asked to reduce their existing budgets by 1%. However, he pointed out that the Fire Department, in attempting to reduce its budget, discovered that this would result in elimination of a firefighter position - something the City was not prepared to do at this time. He pointed out that another item proposed for reduction is street maintenance in the amount of \$690,000. Mr. Starman noted, however, that the current \$4 million budgeted for street maintenance means that more is being done today than in most previous years when the budget amounted to \$700,000.

Mr. Starman presented a graph depicting the City's reserve fund difference by continuing in the present budget mode as opposed to what would happen if the recommended budget reductions are implemented. Over a period of ten years, he said if no reductions were made, the City's reserves would decline dramatically, whereas if reductions are made now, the 5% reserves would be maintained over the same time period.

Mr. Starman added that the proposed budget does not reflect any possible action the state may take in raiding local coffers. Should that occur, however, he said there would need to be a re-evaluation of the situation.

Finance Director Strong provided highlights of the Report to City Council dated August 11, 2008, incorporated herein by reference, advising that proposed adjustments to the Biennial Budget for fiscal year ending 2008 would be to increase the General Fund by \$190,000 due to higher than anticipated overtime for the Fire Department, and that the anticipated revenues for the General Fund be reduced by \$1,639,110. He proposed that adjustments for the fiscal

year ending 2009 include reduction of revenues in the General Fund by \$1,937,000 and that an appropriation of \$10,469,670 be approved. The appropriation for 2009 includes increases to the Electric Utility and Water Utility and reductions in the General Fund.

Mr. Strong stated that because of the slowing economy, the proposed adjustments to the General Fund 10-Year Financial Plan will balance the City's budget and maintain a 5% reserve. The adjustments would include the following:

1. Reduce revenues as set forth above for fiscal years ending (FYE) 2008 and 2009;
2. Reduce expenditures by \$150,000 for FYE 2009 and by \$310,000 in 2010 from lowered medical premium;
3. Increase the hiring freeze by \$250,000 in FYE 2009 and another \$250,000 in 2010;
4. Assume 0% increase on all operating materials and supplies for FYE 2010;
5. Lower rolling stock by \$100,000 in FYE 2009 and thereafter;
6. Include all Redding Electric Utility (REU) in-lieu payments through FYE 2012;
7. Reduce Street expenditures by \$645,000 in FYE 2010, \$695,000 in 2011, and \$735,000 in 2012;
8. Add \$200,000 in sales tax in FYE 2010 (REU Generating Unit 6 purchases);
9. Increase the Fire Department Budget for FYE 2008 due to higher overtime expenditures; and
10. Reduce General Fund Departments' budgets by \$647,260 (approximately 1% of department budgets).

Mr. Strong recommended that the City Council approve a resolution appropriating additional funds as set forth above.

In response to Council Member Dickerson, Mr. Starman stated that the City Council may choose to delay consideration of the proposed budget reductions for a few weeks until the state works through its budget issues. But, he cautioned that these adjustments should be made regardless of state action because they are necessary to balance the City's budget with the 10-year Financial Plan. He added that if the state does raid local coffers to balance its budget, additional reductions would be necessary. Mr. Starman further pointed out that additional cuts to the General Fund could result in a reduction of police and fire personnel, and funding for programs, such as youth baseball.

In response to Council Member Murray, Mr. Starman confirmed that City departments have been required to maintain the current amount of operating and materials expenses which, in juxtaposition with inflation, means a reduction of 5% each year.

**MOTION:** Made by Council Member Dickerson, seconded by Council Member Jones, approving the Mid-Year Budget Report as presented and adopting Resolution No. 2008-153 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, approving and adopting the 41<sup>st</sup> amendment to City Budget Resolution No. 2007-127 appropriating \$190,000 for fiscal year 2007-08 and \$10,469,670 for fiscal year 2008-09. The Vote:

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

Resolution No. 2008-153 is on file in the Office of the City Clerk

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT - Possible Funding Sources for a New Police Facility; and  
PROPOSAL FROM WESTVENTURE DEVELOPMENT - Possible acquisition of property on Butte Street  
 (C-050-550/B-130-070/C-070-010)

At the direction of the City Council during its special meeting earlier this evening, City Manager Starman explained that the Supplemental Report for possible funding sources for the new Police Facility would be considered jointly with the proposal from WestVenture Development for its office building on Butte Street as a possible new Police Facility.

Mr. Starman recalled that the City Council has identified the need for a new Police Facility as a number one community priority, and at the meeting of July 1, 2008, discussed recommendations from the Police Facility Review Committee (Committee) regarding proposed construction costs (\$41.9 million), the 67,500 square foot main building size, a 10,200 square foot storage building, and an indoor firing range. He said the Committee also made recommendations for potential funding sources, which included the 1% General Fund

Departments' reduction considered by Council during the Mid-Year Budget Review agenda item.

Mr. Starman explained that on August 8, 2008, the City received a real estate proposal from WestVenture Development (WestVenture) relative to its new office building located at 1031 Butte Street, which (with certain retrofitting) might serve as the new Police Facility. He said that staff has had an opportunity to analyze the potential of the 61,000 square foot, four-story building and made the following findings: Mr. Starman reported that the shell of the building is complete, with largely unfinished office space inside and limited (47 spaces) covered parking below. The building is situated on a small parcel with limited opportunity for expansion due to its close proximity to Shasta Regional Medical Center (SRMC). He added that while the building is not large enough for the City's needs, the Redding Physicians Building located next to SRMC is also for sale (\$3 million) and could provide 31,000 additional square feet of space for storage, a firing range, and an additional 170 parking spaces. Mr. Starman pointed to serious reservations relative to its inadequate size, close proximity to SRMC which inhibits expansion possibilities for both facilities, numerous safety issues surrounding underground parking and the amount and location of windows, and numerous unknown costs relative to retrofitting to meet Essential Services Standards associated with public safety buildings.

City Manager Starman recommended that the City Council accept the Supplemental Report regarding potential funding sources for a new Police Facility, consider the proposal from WestVenture Development relative to the possible purchase of its office building as a new Police Facility, and provide further direction to staff.

Council Member Murray suggested that Council consider construction of the 67,500 square foot footprint building, with only 52,000 square feet of improvements needed at this time. He said the remaining square footage could be used for storage, a firing range, etc. and finished at a later date as funds become available. He re-emphasized the need for a new Police Facility, and the need to move forward now. Mr. Murray also suggested that Council agree on a final price tag for the facility and set a firm time limit for considering alternative sites, buildings and other options.

Council Member Jones believed the gap between available funds and funding sources, and the cost of the new facility too vast to overcome at this time. He supported long-term planning and saving until the project is affordable, and he opposed budget and City service reduction as a means of funding the facility.

Council Member Bosetti believed that because new options, such as the WestVenture Building, have presented themselves recently, a design build scenario should be used for construction which may result in favorable bids. He also expressed concern regarding the state's proposed response to its budget crisis which would dramatically reduce City and County coffers.

Kevin Mack, WestVenture Development, clarified some of his building's specifications, amenities and its potential for structural retrofitting which was estimated at \$1 million. He explained that the \$28 million asking price did not include those costs, or the option to purchase the Physicians Building next to SRMC.

In response to Council Member Jones, Mr. Starman explained that utilizing the current police facility for storage and a firing range is an option, but recalled that the proceeds for the sale of that facility have been earmarked as a funding resource for the new facility, and it is desirable to have storage and a firing range within or very near the new facility.

Charles Menoher, Chair of the Police Facility Review Committee, applauded the City Council's continuing to move forward with the new Police Facility observing that the current facility became inadequate more than 20 years ago. He cautioned against making the same mistake by acquiring a building which does not meet current needs or provide for expansion.

John Dixon, Redding resident, opposed acquisition of the WestVenture building because it was not adequate for the police department needs into the future, and he supported the South City Park site because it was appropriately within the Civic Center campus. He urged the City Council to move quickly.

Gary Cadd, Redding resident, expressed concern that street maintenance funding was being reduced by a approximately \$600,000 to provide more money for a new Police Facility, but he thanked the City Council for reviewing “already built” building options.

Council Member Dickerson countered that the street maintenance budget had amounted to only \$700,000 in previous years, but because it was increased to \$4 million in recent years, a decrease of approximately \$600,000 is not that significant.

James McDilda, Redding resident, suggested tasking the real estate community to locate an “already built” building in the City to fit the needs of the police department. He believed a price should be set for what the City will spend on a facility and urged Council to move forward.

Ian Kirk, Redding real estate broker, did not believe the WestVenture building would be a good fit, and might displace good doctors. He suggested that the old State Compensation building might be considered.

Police Chief Moty expressed concerns with the location of the WestVenture Building and attempting to retain the existing facility for storage and other services given the fact that the current facility is in need of major repairs, including a new roof. He stated it has become apparent, over time, that the Civic Center campus is the most ideal location to provide long-term public safety needs for the City. He supported construction of a footprint building with enough improved space for today’s needs, and commented that this scenario would reduce the debt service from \$1.9 to \$1.25 million annually.

Council Member Dickerson did not support a Police Facility so near SRMC and believed the WestVenture Building should be eliminated from consideration. He favored constructing the facility’s footprint, as suggested by Council Member Murray, and building it at the South City Park location.

Council Member Murray emphasized that offers for existing buildings should be submitted to the City, reviewed and analyzed by staff with a report back to Council for consideration within 30 days, including the proposed 67,500 square foot footprint with improvements needed space at this time.

Mayor Stegall concurred with Council Member Dickerson regarding the WestVenture building and supported Council Member Murray’s suggestion as a means to move forward with the project.

**MOTION:** Made by Council Member Murray, seconded by Council Member Dickerson accepting the Supplemental Report regarding possible funding sources for a new Police Facility, and directing staff to bring back a report within 30 days with detailed information including costs to construct a 67,500 square foot Police Facility footprint building in South City Park with 52,000 square feet improved and the remaining space (approximately 15,500 square feet) to be used for storage and subsequent expansion; a revised analysis of costs associated with a less expensive building, and any other proposed buildings and options received within the 30-day time frame.

The Vote:

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

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

Mayor Stegall reported attendance at a Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Commission meeting in Murphys, California on July 23 and 24, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 10:35 p.m., Mayor Stegall declared the Special Meeting and the Regular Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk