

City Council, Regular Meeting
Civic Center Council Chambers
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California
April 7, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Economic Director Zauher.

The Mayor provided a moment of silence for personal invocations.

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

Also present were City Manager Starman, Assistant City Manager Tippin, City Attorney Duvernay, Development Services Director Hamilton, Transportation and Engineering Director Crane, Community Services Director Niemer, Police Captain Grooms, Assistant City Engineer McClain, City Clerk Strohmayer, Assistant City Clerk Mize, and Executive Assistant Stribley.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[E-020]

Steven Peloza, President of the Paul Bunyan Conservation Society, advised that the Society will be presenting the Paul Bunyan Natural Forest Initiative Act to Congress in Washington, D.C. in an effort to improve the forest environment and re-employ displaced timber workers.

(A-050-060)

Doug Williams and Corey Arballo announced the grand opening of Trader Joe’s store on May 1, 2009, and presented the store staff along with a short video.

(P-150-150 & R-030-150-790)

Kipp Lee, Redding resident, believed the Redding Police Department should make enforcement of removing “Yard Sale” signs from the public right-of-way a higher priority.

RETIREMENT - City Clerk Connie Strohmayer

[A-050-055]

City Clerk Connie Strohmayer announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2009, after serving 33 years with the City of Redding. She thanked the City Council, City administration, and her staff for their support. She also thanked the community for electing her for four terms as City Clerk.

PRESENTATION - “Citizen’s Award” to Geoff Diaz by the Redding Police Department

[P-150-150]

On behalf of the Redding Police Department, Captain Grooms presented Geoff Diaz, City of Redding employee, with a “Citizen’s Award” certificate for his heroic actions during an altercation on September 18, 2008, at the Lake Redding Boat Ramp. Captain Grooms stated that Mr. Diaz intervened when two women were hit with a vehicle and prevented further injury, and he detained the male driver until the police arrived.

PRESENTATION - “Citizen’s Award” to Phillip Lampella by the Redding Police Department

[P-150-150]

Captain Grooms, on behalf of the Redding Police Department, presented a “Citizen’s Award” certificate to Phillip Lampella for his heroic actions on August 6, 2008, wherein he was critically wounded while protecting his girlfriend and her mother from a suspect who shot Mr. Lampella, his girlfriend, killed a family friend, critically burned his girlfriend’s mother, and then shot and killed himself. Captain Grooms stated that without Mr. Lampella’s actions, he and his girlfriend probably would also have died in the horrific incident.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters were considered inclusively under the Consent Calendar:

Approval of Minutes - Regular and Special Meetings of March 17, 2009

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Registers

(A-050-100-500)

It is recommended that Accounts Payable Register No. 18, check numbers 871918 through 872333 inclusive, in the amount of \$12,446,068.30, for the period of March 14, 2009, through March 31, 2009; and Payroll Register No. 19 electronic deposit transaction numbers 251640 through 252512 and check numbers 543163 through 543275 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,566,319.56 for the period March 8, 2009, through March 21, 2009, be approved. TOTAL: \$15,012,387.86

Treasurer's Report - February 2009

(A-050-100-600)

Total Treasurer's Accountability	-	\$139,972,789.81
Total City of Redding Funds, Funds Held in Trust, and Funds of Related Entities	-	\$278,332,722.54

ACR133 Report and Cash Reconciliation

(F-205-095-650)

It is the recommendation of the Finance Director that the ACR133 Report and the Proof of Cash Reconciliation for February 2009 be accepted.

Ordinance - Adopting Rezoning RZ-3-07, The Reserve at Gold Hills Subdivision Unit 2 [L-010-230/S-101-083/L-010-211-015]

It is the recommendation of the Development Services Director that Ordinance No. 2430 be adopted, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redding, amending Redding Municipal Code Title 18-Zoning, pursuant to rezoning Application RZ-3-07, rezoning 13.5 acres at 2333 Gold Hills Drive and 6201 Oasis Road from "RM-6" Residential Multiple Family District to "RM-6-PD" Residential Multiple Family District with Planned Development Overlay for the The Reserve at Gold Hills Subdivision Unit 2, 2333 Gold Hills Drive and 6201 Oasis Road, by Brian Burk.

Council Member Jones advised he will abstain from discussion and voting on this matter due to prior business dealings with Mr. Burk.

The Vote:

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

Ordinance - Amending Redding Municipal Code Chapter 10.20, prohibiting motor vehicles from parking on posted unpaved areas [P-030-250]

It is the recommendation of the Police Chief that Ordinance No. 2431 be adopted, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Redding, amending Chapter 10.20, by adding section 10.20.061 and amending section 10.20.065 related to parking in city parks or city open space designated areas that are posted by authority of the City Manager, excepting entirely within parking spaces described by lines painted or marked on a parking lot.

Council Member Jones advised he will vote no because he felt clarification of the parking situation on Buenaventura was needed.

The Vote:

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

Grant Applications - Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee [G-100-170 & B-080-650-639]

It is the recommendation of the Assistant to the City Manager that staff be authorized to submit six grant applications to the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee in the amount of \$637,880, available as mitigation for impacts related to the Win River Casino for the following projects: 1) South Bonnyview Road Widening (\$20,000), 2) South Redding Community Cleanup Project (Police-\$28,000), 3) South Redding Traffic Enforcement Program (Police-\$72,000), 4) Fire Apparatus Thermal Imaging Cameras (Fire-\$98,000), 5)

Cultural and Environmental Resource Protection Project (Development Services-\$119,880), and 6) Cascade Zone Water System Improvements (Redding Municipal Utilities-\$300,000).

Monthly Financial Report - Electric Utility

(B-130-070)

It is the recommendation of the Electric Utility Director that the City Council approve the Electric Utility's Monthly Financial Report for February 2009. Retail power sales revenue was \$315,475 (0.5%) below projections and wholesale power sales through February totaled \$16,509,043 or 57.6% above projections. Operating revenue after energy costs was \$927,869 or 4.9% above expectations. The total cost of energy through February was \$15,249,613 or 21.4% above projections. The Utility's net operating results through February are negative \$4,403,960.

Fifth Amendment to Lease - Parlay Investments for Police Investigations Division, in the Downtown Mall

[A-050-270 & M-010-200]

It is the recommendation of the Police Chief that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Fifth Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Parlay Investments, Inc. for the Police Investigations Division located at 1516 Market Street in the Downtown Mall in the amount of \$4,384.87 per month for the term of June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010.

Monthly Financial Report - General Fund

(B-130-070)

It is the recommendation of the Finance Director that the City Council accept the General Fund's Monthly Financial Report for February 2009. Total revenue to date is \$40.9 million or \$3,185,171 (7.3%) below staff's cash flow projection. Expenditures at month end, excluding encumbrances, total \$52,538,170 or \$1,484,785 (2.8%) below staff's original projection. Encumbrances total \$1,663,423.

Resolution - Summarily vacating a portion of a sewer easement (A-1-09) at 520 Overhill Drive

[A-010-040]

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that Resolution No. 2009-24 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, summarily vacating a portion of a sewer easement (A-1-09), located at 520 Overhill Drive, by John West, because it is no longer needed for the purposes intended.

Resolution - Adopting City Council Policy No. 304, Development and Use Guidelines for General Aviation Hangars

[A-050-060-555/A-090-100/A-090-020]

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that Resolution No. 2009-25 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, adopting City Council Policy No. 304, Development and Use Guidelines for General Aviation Hangars, to assist developers with construction of private hangars and authorize staff to implement same at Redding Municipal Airport and Benton Airport.

Resolution - Amending City Council Policy No. 302, Airport Operating Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities

[A-050-060-555/A-090-100/A-090-020]

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that Resolution No. 2009-26 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, amending City Council Policy No. 302, Airport Operating Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities; and authorize staff to implement same at Redding Municipal Airport and Benton Airport.

Accept Final Map - Wyndham Pointe Subdivision S-13-05

[S-101-097]

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering director that the Final Map for the Wyndham Pointe Subdivision S-13-05, located on Wyndham Lane east of Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District (A.C.I.D.) Canal, by Frank Coughlin be accepted, and that the City Clerk be instructed to file the map with the Shasta County Recorder.

Grant - Application for state Safe-Routes-to-School Program funds for Loma Vista Drive and Sequoia Street

[G-100-070/S-070-285/S-070-100]

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that the City Council direct staff to submit two grant applications to the California Safe-Routes-to-School Program (SR2S) for the south side of Loma Vista Drive to serve students of Lassen View Elementary School in the amount of \$250,000, and for the west side of Sequoia Street to serve students of Sequoia Middle School, in an amount of \$270,000.

Resolution - Restricting parking to only law enforcement and fire suppression vehicles in designated areas on the south side of Shasta Street near California Street

[P-030-050 & P-030-150]

It is the recommendation of the Transportation and Engineering Director that Resolution No. 2009-27 be adopted, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redding, restricting parking to only law enforcement and fire suppression vehicles in designated areas pursuant to Redding Municipal Code (RMC) Section 11.24.320 on the south side of Shasta Street near the intersection with California Street, pursuant to RMC Section 11.28.020 the aforementioned area shall no longer be used a metered parking.

MOTION: Made by Council Member McArthur, seconded by Council Member Stegall, that the foregoing items on the Consent Calendar be approved and adopted as recommended with the exception of the items approved by separate vote as indicated above. The Vote:

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

Ordinance Nos. 2430 and 2431 and Resolution Nos. 2009-24 through 2009-27 are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

LETTERS - Pat Sansom and Isaac Lowe regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Neighborhood

[C-050-400]

Pat Sansom, President of the Shasta National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), submitted a letter dated March 20, 2009. She expressed concern with actions taken by the City at the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Community Center (Center). She stated that Community Services Director Niemer and Management Analyst II McCallum came to the Center on March 10, 2009, closed the after-school program, and terminated the employment of the after-school program workers. Ms. Sansom opposed the termination of the program and its employees and contended that sufficient notice was not given to the workers or the MLK Advisory Board. She requested the City Council reinstate the after-school program and the associated employees. Ms. Sansom opined that insufficient funds were budgeted for all types of programs in the MLK neighborhood due to lack of concern for minorities and she contended that minority workers were not terminated in the same manner as non-minority workers.

Isaac Lowe, Chair of the MLK Advisory Board (Board), submitted a letter dated March 20, 2009. Ms. Lowe expressed surprise and concern regarding the methodology used to terminate the after-school program and the after-school workers at the MLK Center on March 10, 2009. She believed the employees were treated in a disrespectful manner and the Board should have been notified prior to termination of the program. She contended that only the program assisting minority members was terminated.

Jim Degon, Operations Manager for the Western Service Workers Association, supported the programs at the MLK Center and said that the workers should be paid. He urged the City to join with other cities and counties to demand funds from the state so that these types of programs will not be terminated for lack of funding.

Council Member Stegall apologized for the manner in which the program was closed and the employees terminated. She stated that although it could have been handled better, she believed it was not racially motivated.

Council Member Dickerson emphasized the City's commitment to the MLK Neighborhood. He recalled that when he was Mayor in 2007, the City offered to retain ownership of the

building, provide all maintenance, and turn over operation of the park and Center to the MLK Advisory Board. He said the Board, however, did not respond to the City's offer.

Susan Parisi, Abu BakR, and Sue LeVier, expressed concern and displeasure with the termination of the MLK Center after-school program and its workers and believed more funding should be allocated.

Community Services Director Niemer explained that enrollment in the after-school program had declined from 25 or more per day last year to only 6-10 children per afternoon. However, the after-school program has been re-instituted through the end of the year, and a blue ribbon committee has been appointed to assist in building a solid after-school program and to augment the budget for the Center.

Mayor Bosetti and Council Member McArthur thanked the speakers for sharing their concerns and expressed optimism that the Blue Ribbon Committee will initiate positive action at the Center.

UPDATE ON MAJOR PROJECTS - 2009 Community Creek Cleanup Planning
[P-050-460-700 & A-050-080]

Community Services Director Niemer related that the 2009 Community Creek Cleanup will occur on October 3, 2009. She noted that Dr. Randy Smith agreed to chair the event which will focus on the south side of the Sacramento River Trail between the Diestelhorst Bridge and the Stress Ribbon Bridge, and indicated that the Bureau of Land Management will complete the cleanup from the Stress Ribbon Bridge to Keswick Dam Road. The goal of the Cleanup will be to remove invasive non-native plant material. She stated that numerous groups have volunteered, but there is a need for more volunteers and cash donations.

No action was required on this informational item.

UPDATE ON MAJOR PROJECTS - Overview of west Redding's March 16, 2009, 200-Year Storm Event
[S-060 & A-050-080]

Engineering and Transportation Director Crane recalled that on March 16, 2009, at approximately 2:00 p.m., the City experienced significant rainfall on the west side of town. He related that the rain was very intense and it moved through town in about two hours, dropping 3-1/2 inches of rain.

Assistant City Engineer McClain provided a PowerPoint presentation depicting the situation which he described as a 200-Year Storm Event. He explained that there is only a .5% chance of a storm of that intensity occurring in any given year. Because an inch of rain fell the day before, the ground was saturated and could not absorb more moisture. He stated that there was some flooding in West Redding including the Downtown Parking structure. Mr. McClain said there was one fatality in the lower Calaboose Creek area and that by 4:15 p.m. the rain had ceased.

No action was required on this informational item.

PROCESS TO REPLACE RETIRING CITY CLERK CONNIE STROHMAYER
[A-050-055 & P-100-060]

City Manager Starman stated that City Clerk Strohmayer announced her retirement effective June 30, 2009. He recalled that she was elected to her current term of office in November 2006, and that term will expire on November 2, 2010. With approximately 17 months remaining in her term, the City Council should determine how they wish to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Starman related there are three options: 1) City Council could direct staff to develop and implement a recruitment plan to fill the vacant position with the Council selecting the most qualified individual (recruitment process is estimated at \$5,000); 2) Council could forego a formal recruitment process and appoint an individual to serve as City Clerk; 3) Council could schedule a special election to fill the vacancy and the cost would depend on whether it was a special election (earliest July 30, 2009, and cost up to \$225,000) or part of a consolidated election (earliest November 4, 2009, and cost up to \$25,000).

Mr. Starman recommended that the City Council utilize the appointment process to select a new City Clerk and direct staff to develop and implement a recruitment plan, form an ad hoc committee consisting of two City Council Members and himself to screen applications

and interview potential candidates for the position and prepare a report for City Council consideration.

Council Member McArthur inquired about the feasibility of appointing the City Manager as City Clerk, similar to the current structure in the City of Anderson.

Mr. Starman explained that since the incorporation of the City of Redding, the City Clerk has been an elected office, and changing it to an appointed position would require a ballot measure approved by the voters. He stated that when the City of Anderson was incorporated, the citizens chose to have an appointed City Clerk. He noted that the trend throughout the state is moving toward appointed city clerks because the complexity of the position requires a higher level of skill than in the past. City Attorney Duvernay explained that an approved ballot measure would not become effective during the term of a current office holder. He observed that approximately 70% of the cities in the state have an appointed city clerk. According to Mr. Duvernay, an appointed position increases the pool of qualified candidates, and implementation of numerous government codes have reduced the need for the check and balance system provided by an elected city clerk .

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stegall, seconded by Council Member Jones, approving the appointment process to fill the vacant City Clerk position, effective July 1, 2009, and directing formation of an ad hoc committee consisting of Council Members McArthur and Stegall and the City Manager to screen applications and interview potential candidates for the City Clerk position and make a recommendation for City Council consideration; and directing the committee to research the feasibility of placing a measure on the ballot to change the elected position of City Clerk to an appointed position and make a recommendation for the City Council's consideration. The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID) for maintenance of the ACID Churn Creek Lateral 3.1 (Hillside Ditch) [W-030-700-010]

Development Services Director Hamilton related that the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID) controls and operates an irrigation facility identified as the Churn Creek Lateral 3.1, also known as the Hillside Ditch. It is an earthen canal on the east side of Interstate 5 in the vicinity of Churn Creek and was constructed in the early 1900's. He stated that ACID records indicate that the banks of the Lateral have been heavily damaged by storm water runoff in the last several years and the flows have overtopped the southern banks of the southern dike portion causing washouts.

Mr. Hamilton advised that the ACID and the City agreed to mediation to resolve issues of maintenance. Through this process, a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed which proposes that the City and the ACID develop an area wide storm-drain management plan to be funded through formation of a storm water maintenance district, or similar mechanism, from new development in the drainage basin area.

Mr. Hamilton recommended that the City Council approve the MOU with the ACID.

MOTION: Made by Council Member McArthur, seconded by Council Member Stegall, approving the MOU with ACID for maintenance and repairs of the Hillside Ditch. The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

INITIATION OF COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM; and AUTOMATIC SIX-MONTH EXTENSION TO ACTIVE BUILDING PERMITS [F-205-600 & L-010-045]

Development Services Director Hamilton recalled that In June of 2008, the City Council adopted a resolution establishing several incentives to stimulate residential construction activity. These included the reduction of building permit processing fees, deferral of impact fee collections for new homes, enhancements to Redding Electric Utility rebates and homeowner rehabilitation loans, and deferral of the July 2008 Construction cost index inflation adjustments for Traffic Impact fees until January 2009. He stated these changes were viewed positively by the business and development communities.

Mr. Hamilton pointed out that, unfortunately, the economy has continued to decline causing staff to consider further incentives. He stated that deferment of impact fee collection to the time of final inspection was approved in October 2008 for all residential construction, and although commercial development fee deferrals were discussed, it was noted that a full

deferral for commercial projects could create a significant negative impact on cash flow in the capital improvement program affecting the ability to provide infrastructure in a timely fashion. He believed, however, that a phased payment opportunity for sewer and water impact fees in the Redding Redevelopment Agency project areas for a six-month period could have a beneficial effect for some commercial projects. Additionally, it could also be beneficial to grant a one-time extension to the life of all active building permits and permit applications that would expire on or after January 1, 2009, through July 1, 2009.

Mr. Hamilton recommended that the City Council accept the report and conceptually approve the incentive program and the flexible deferment and payment program for sewer and water impact fee collections for commercial construction and extend building permits and permit applications by six months for all those that were active as of January 1, 2009, and direct staff to prepare the necessary resolutions for implementation.

Mary Machado, Executive Director Shasta Voices, expressed support for the program. She suggested that staff develop a process to provide small business owners an approximation of fees as sometimes they are unaware impact fees will be assessed.

Mr. Hamilton related that the fee estimate issue has been discussed by staff and it is a discretionary procedure dependent on the expertise of the applicant. He pointed out that if an estimate of fees is generated and then the project changes, it changes the fees due, however, many applicants will cling to the original estimate without regard for changes to the project. He added that there are systems available that can keep up with such changes and the Development Services Department is considering such a system when finances are in place.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stegall, seconded by Council Member Jones, accepting the report and conceptually approving the incentive program and the flexible deferment and payment program for sewer and water impact fee collections for commercial construction and extending building permits and permit applications by six months for all that were active as of January 1, 2009, and directing staff to prepare the necessary resolutions for implementation. The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PROVISIONALLY ACCREDITED LEVEES PROGRAM - Clear Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant [L-010-050 & W-010-450]

Development Services Director Hamilton related that in 2005, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began a process of remapping and updating its Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) nationwide. As part of this process, FEMA is required to ensure that flood-hazard maps clearly reflect the flood-protection capabilities of levees.

Mr. Hamilton stated that on January 16, 2009, the City received notice that three levees within the City were subject to the FEMA levee-certification requirements, Churn Creek/Enterprise Park Levee (ID 9003), Sacramento River/Clear Creek Treatment Plant Levee (ID 9004), and Olney Creek Levee (ID 9005). He advised that the Churn Creek/Enterprise Park Levee does not meet the provisional accreditation standards so the flood plain will be remapped. The Sacramento River/Clear Creek Treatment Plant Levee does meet the standards and should become certified once a letter is submitted for FEMA's Provisionally Accredited Levees (PAL) program. He added that if FEMA accepts the PAL request, Redding Municipal Utilities and the Transportation and Engineering Departments will coordinate preparation of the necessary analysis and documentation to support certification. He advised that the Olney Creek Levee is more problematic as it was built in the 1980's and would not meet today's FEMA standards for accreditation. He added that bringing the creek up to current standards is inhibited by the length and height of the levee and the substantial costs involved to bring it to FEMA standards. While FEMA's remapping of the area would affect the surrounding property owners, Mr Hamilton said the exact impacts are unknown at this time unless the City undertakes a separate detailed hydrologic modeling and analysis effort.

Mr. Hamilton recommended that the City Council accept the FEMA report regarding the City's levees and authorize the City Manager to submit a PAL request for the Clear Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant levee (ID 9004).

MOTION: Made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Stegall, accepting the report regarding FEMA's PAL Program and authorizing the City Manager to

submit a PAL request for the Clear Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant levee (ID 9004).
The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

GRANT & MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - McConnell Foundation for 2009 Fourth of July Freedom Festival Fireworks Display; and
AGREEMENT - Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for same
[G-100 & C-050-050]

City Manager Starman advised that once again, the McConnell Foundation is generously offering the City a grant in the amount of \$80,000 to provide the 2009 Fourth of July Freedom Festival Fireworks Display. He related that there will be a cost to the City of approximately \$46,000 from the General Fund for public safety personnel and other city services in addition to the grant from the McConnell Foundation. He added that Pyro Spectaculars was awarded the Request for Proposals for the fireworks display last year and has agreed to provide a similar display this year for the same amount.

Mr. Starman recommended that the City Council accept the grant in the amount of \$80,000 from the McConnell Foundation to provide funding for the 2009 Fourth of July Freedom Festival Fireworks Display and authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for same; and that the Agreement with Pryo Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$80,000 for the fireworks display be approved for a term of three-years with an additional three-year extension if mutually agreed.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Stegall, seconded by Council Member McArthur, accepting the grant from the McConnell Foundation in the amount of \$80,000 to provide funding for the 2009 Fourth of July Freedom Festival Fireworks Display, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for same; and approving the Agreement with Pryo Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$80,000 for the fireworks display for a term of three-years with an additional three-year extension if mutually agreed.

The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

GRANT - U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program
[G-100-070 & P-150-150]

Redding Police Captain Grooms stated that the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) is offering grants to agencies who have lost or anticipate losing officers due to state or local budget initiated layoffs. He added that the City currently has lost seven officer positions but will seek funding for four police officer positions through this grant.

Captain Grooms related that the grant will provide entry-level funding for three years for the officers; and, although no matching funds are required, it will require that the officers be retained for a minimum of 12 months after the grant ends, which is a cost to the City of \$135,000 per officer. It also requires that the City fund the cost difference between the entry level position paid by the grant and the actual cost to retain or rehire officers, which equates to \$12,000 per officer per year.

Captain Grooms recommended that the City Council approve the grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) for four full-time police officer positions.

MOTION: Made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member McArthur, approving a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) for four full-time police officer positions. The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 - Highway funding project delivery
[G-030-110/S-070-100]

Transportation and Engineering Director Crane related that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law on February 16, 2009, which includes \$27.5 billion designated for roads and bridges nationwide. He stated that the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) will receive \$7.2 million for distribution to local agencies and funds are allocated by population with the City's anticipated share of \$3.6 million. In addition, Mr. Crane reported that \$372,000 for Transportation Enhancement funds will be used for a bike lane from College View Drive and Interstate 5 near the Bethel Church to Old Oregon Trail.

Mr. Crane recalled that the City Council, on February 20, 2009, determined that the Oasis Interchange Phase I Project was the City’s ARRA priority project. He suggested that a citywide pavement preservation project be included as a backup project in the event changes occur and the Oasis Project does not qualify or deadlines cannot be met. He pointed out that the funds are subject to the “use it or lose it” stipulation discussed in earlier meetings. Mr. Crane added that Levenson Development Corporation (LDC) is pursuing additional funding through private lobbyists for the project and has indicated it will provide preconstruction project delivery, including project management, required environmental compliance document, and other items for the project.

In response to Council Member Stegall’s concerns, City Manager Starman advised that it was not necessary to receive the entire \$30 million needed for completion of the Oasis Road Project at this time, and any portion thereof will not be wasted.

Mr. Crane concurred and added that the proposed initial construction of the loop on-ramp for Oasis Road needs to be completed before a new interchange can be contemplated because without the loop, when the area is closed to construct the interchange, the residents of Oasis Road area will not be able to use the freeway system.

Elin Klaseen, Redding resident, questioned why the Court Street and Parkview pavement projects are not part of the ARRA funding package. Mr. Crane explained that while the Court Street and Parkview pavement projects are not included in the stimulus package, they are included in the chip seal projects and are funded for lighted crosswalks using Streets Funds and some other funds.

MOTION: Made by Council Member McArthur, seconded by Council Member Jones, directing staff to pursue the Oasis Road Interchange Phase 1 Project, negotiate an agreement with LDC to provide the required preconstruction project development support for the Project, and prepare a backup pavement preservation project to be funded with ARRA monies should the Project plans not proceed or be funded as anticipated.

The Vote: Unanimous Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at the hour of 10:10 p.m., Mayor Bosetti declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk