

# "The City With a Heart"



Jim Ruane, Mayor  
Michael Salazar, Vice Mayor  
Ken Ibarra, Councilmember  
Rico E. Medina, Councilmember  
Irene O'Connell, Councilmember

## MINUTES SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL & SAN BRUNO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

March 8, 2011

7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT** the San Bruno City Council met in regular session on February 22, 2011 at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Rd., San Bruno, CA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Mayor Ruane** thanked the San Bruno Garden Club for providing the beautiful floral arrangement.

2. **ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Presiding was Mayor/Chair Ruane, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Salazar and Council/Agency Members O'Connell, Medina and Ibarra. Recording by Clerk Bonner. **Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dave Nigel** Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Mayor Ruane** said on February 24 he attended a San Mateo County Ombudsman Breakfast where our Police Officer, Heidi Schindel was recognized for her outstanding efforts on behalf of senior care residents left alone after the Glenview explosion and fire. Her diligence in investigating this incident has resulted in potential prosecution by the San Mateo County D.A. He congratulated her on a job well done.

**Mayor Ruane** participated in a welcome home to San Bruno for Navy Corpsman Joe Burns who was injured by an IUD in Afghanistan. He will spend a short time with his family and then returned to the hospital for rehabilitation. He thanked him for his service on our behalf.

### 4. PRESENTATIONS:

**Mayor Ruane** Presented a Proclamation to American Red Cross Declaring March American Red Cross Month. **Matt Lucett, Red Cross** thanked the City and highlighted some of the work the volunteers with Red Cross have done over the last year. He talked about some of the upcoming activities and how people can become involved in the Red Cross.

5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** **Mayor Ruane** moved Item 11 to follow Item 8.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** City Council Meetings of February 8 and 22, 2011, approved as submitted.

### 7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. **Approve:** Payroll of February 13, 2011.

b. **Approve:** Accounts Payable of February 22 and 28, 2011.

c. **Accept:** Letter of Resignation from Culture & Arts Commission Member Barbara Gallo.

Declare a Commission Member Vacancy and Direct the City Clerk to Initiate the Process for Appointment of a New Member.

d. **Receive:** Report on Tolling Agreement Between the City and Insurance Carriers Representing Homeowners in the Glenview Fire Area.

**M/S Medina/O’Connell** to approve and passed with all ayes.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Notices have been published, posted and mailed):**

Hold Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment to the Public Improvements Reimbursement Agreement Between the City of San Bruno and the San Bruno Redevelopment Agency:

a. Adopt Resolution Approving Amendment to the Public Improvements Reimbursement Agreement between the City and the Redevelopment Agency.

b. Adopt Resolution Approving Amendment to the Public Improvements Reimbursement Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and the City.

**Council/Agency Members Medina and Salazar** recused themselves because of conflict of interest. **Council/Agency Member O’Connell** to remain because of previous Council straw draw.

**Community Development Director Akin** gave an overview of the staff report and asked for questions.

**Mayor/Chair Ruane** opened the public hearing.

**M/S O’Connell/Ibarra** to close the public hearing and passed with all ayes.

**Council/Agency Member O’Connell** thanked staff for their hard work.

**Council/Agency Member O’Connell** introduced the resolution for adoption and passed with a unanimous vote. (Medina/Salazar excused) (8.a.)

**Council/Agency Member Ibarra** introduced the resolution for adoption and passed with a unanimous vote. (Medina/Salazar excused) (8.b.)

**City Manager Jackson** gave an update on the State’s budget development. She said, at this point, the Governor does not have the backing to pass the budget.

**11. Receive Annual Report from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.**

**Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dave Nigel** gave a power point presentation. He introduced the members of the committee. He reviewed the activities of the last year and talked about their goals for the upcoming year.

**Councilmember Ibarra** said he would like to see the Committee reach out to South San Francisco and Millbrae to continue the good works the Committee has done to date.

**Mayor Ruane** said this is a City with a Heart and our committees make this City’s heart pump.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:**

**Ann MacDonald, Claremont Dr.** presented a quilt she made from t-shirts collected from the Cities involved in the fire to the City of San Bruno.

**Mayor Ruane** thanked her and said this will be hung in City Hall.

**Ray Mogel, Fleetwood Dr.** talked about the street on Rollingwood below Fleetwood where the shrubbery has grown up and is obliterating the stop sign. He also talked about a property owner on Fleetwood Dr. who has a lot of things stored in their front yard. He also said the Rollingwood area is becoming inundated with roof rats and suggested residents be informed through their water bills to keep their eyes out.

**10. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:**

a. Receive Oral Report on the City’s Participation in the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Investigative Hearing Held in Washington, D.C., March 1-3, 2011.

**City Manager Jackson** said their presence at the hearing was to give a face and provide a representation to the citizens of San Bruno. She said the introductory overview of the event itself framed the discussion for the two-and-half days of hearings. She said the hearing in its entirety is available on the NTSB's website, NTSB.gov and it can be accessed through the City's website.

**Councilmember Medina** stressed the importance of their attendance at the hearings and he complimented staff as well as the Mayor. He said he was honored to represent San Bruno and he hoped the outcome would prohibit any community going through what San Bruno has thus far.

**Mayor Ruane** said it was thorough and a non-political, very real testimony. He thanked City Manager Jackson and her staff, especially Sergeant Calwell, Chief Haag and Klara Fabry for their tireless work. He said their story was to keep the human side of this story in the forefront and our focus was on lives not so much money.

b. Receive City Council Donations Subcommittee Oral Report.

**Vice Mayor Salazar** said he and Councilmember O'Connell and the three members of the subcommittee met on March 1. They reviewed, roughly, two dozen applications. There are people working through issues and the committee will be reviewing the applications through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked if they could describe some of the requests? Are they asking for additional funding?

**Councilmember O'Connell** said they are getting all sorts of requests.

**Councilmember Ibarra** said the first distribution was based on the condition of the property. He asked about the subsequent requests. **Councilmember O'Connell** said it is all over the map.

**Vice Mayor Salazar** said the requests ranged from material to subjective. Some of the requests were residents who received money during the first distribution and there are some who did not.

**Councilmember O'Connell** said another component is directing them toward any resources that are out there.

c. Adopt Resolution Approving Change in Existing One-Hour Time Parking Restriction to Two-Hour along San Mateo Avenue in Downtown Area.

**Public Services Director Fabry** gave a power point presentation highlighting the staff report and asked for questions.

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked if there was discussion on how to keep employees off those two-hour slots? **Fabry** said no but she could follow-up. **Councilmember Ibarra** asked the TSPC look into getting our shoppers to be guided to our back parking lots, which are under-utilized.

**Councilmember Medina** questioned the cost and questioned passing the cost to the Chamber who is trying to promote business? He thought there was a cheaper way to do it. **Fabry** said she represented the TSPC's recommendation on the subject. **Councilmember Medina** said the City needs to be in the forefront of making changes, which affect the community.

**Councilmember Salazar** asked what the evaluation process would look like in twelve months? How can we know if it is successful? **Fabry** said the City would conduct a follow-up survey to reassess.

**Councilmember Salazar** asked Fabry if she anticipated skewed data based on the fact there might be more open store fronts at one time versus another time that would impact the demand for parking in the area? **Fabry** said it would certainly make an impact.

**Mayor Ruane** said he thought it was a good idea. He didn't think the Chamber was in a position to pay for it. He proposed stickers.

**Councilmember O'Connell** introduced the resolution for adoption and passed with a unanimous vote.

d. Receive Report on Proposed Street Rehabilitation Priorities.

**Public Services Director Fabry** gave an overview of the staff report through a power point presentation. **Associate Engineer Tseng** continued the overview through the power point presentation

**Councilmember Ibarra** asked for a definition of street operations? **Fabry** said all maintenance involved with the streets.

**Vice Mayor Salazar** asked what variables are being used to categorize the streets? Are pot holes being counted? **Fabry** said the survey is visual for any cracks, pot holes, structural defect.

**Vice Mayor Salazar** said he understood we were trying to maintain 60% average citywide. He asked what would be minimal? What point would it become uncomfortable to drive on one of these roads? **Fabry** said everything which is in good condition is still at an acceptable quality level.

**Vice Mayor Salazar** asked if the road wears out faster through driving or weather? **Fabry** said there are many factors, the first being the quality of the pavement, drainage, what type of use the route has and how it is maintained.

e. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Closure of San Mateo Avenue Between Jenevein Avenue and Sylvan Avenue on Sundays from May 1, 2011 through October 30, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Jenevein Avenue Between El Camino Real and San Mateo Avenue on May 1, 2011 and June 5, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Provide Direction Related to Chamber of Commerce Proposal to Expand Sunday Activities to Adjacent Block for Flea Market, Sidewalk Sale, and Other Activities.

**Community Development Director Aknin** reviewed the staff report and asked for questions.

**Councilmember Medina** asked about restroom facilities? **Chamber President Laura Baughman** said they would use the restrooms at Never Too Latte and Starbucks.

**Councilmember O'Connell** was concerned there were fewer sellers at the end of last year's Farmer's Market. **Baughman** said the weather was really bad. She said because of the weather, the Market could be closed on September 25 this year. She said they would focus on having an activity every Sunday.

**Vice Mayor Salazar** asked if the Chamber was planning to do anything different. **Baughman** said they counted on the City to advertise and they could send fliers through the school as well as taking out an ad in the Recreation Guide.

**Councilmember Medina** introduced the resolution for adoption and passed with a unanimous vote.

## 11. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES:

Receive Annual Report from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (Moved to follow 8.)

**12. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Councilmember O’Connell** pointed out there are fliers in the utility bills that advertise composting and Operation Clean Sweep. She also talked about a new program “Lawn Be Gone”, partially sponsored by BASCWA where a resident can be rewarded for removal of their lawns.

**Councilmember Ibarra** said tomorrow is the six-month anniversary of the disaster. He said the Lions still have money, and to date they have helped twenty families.

**13. CLOSED SESSION:**

**Mayor Ruane** said they would be going into closed session a possible reportable action.

a. The City Manager and Human Resources Director Request a Closed Session Pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code Section 54957.6 Regarding Direction for Labor Negotiations with the Police and Public Safety Mid Management Unit Bargaining Units.

b. Confer with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation (one case) (Cal. Gov't Code Section 54954.9 (a)).

The Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to sign tolling agreements with claimants and PG&E.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Ruane** closed this meeting at 8:46 p.m. The next Council Meeting will be held on March 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road, San Bruno.

Respectfully submitted for approval  
at the regular City Council Meeting of  
March 22, 2011

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Carol Bonner, City Clerk

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Jim Ruane, Mayor