

"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

October 25, 2011

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the San Bruno City Council met on October 25, 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 the beautiful floral arrangement.

2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Presiding was Mayor/Chair Ruane, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Salazar and Council/Board Members Ibarra, Medina and O'Connell. Recording by Clerk Bonner. **Marc Hershman** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Ruane introduced Shiyama Clunie, AT&T, External Affairs Department who came to provide information on the recent telephone outage. She said there is still an investigation under way as to the cause of the incident, so she did not comment specifically on that item but she gave an account of the events that occurred.

She said there were several ongoing projects underway in the area of AT&T's manhole at the intersection of San Mateo and San Bruno Aves. and that included a nearby storm drain. On October 5, water flowed into their manhole instead of the storm drain. The rush of water resulted in 16 feet of water into the manhole, causing damage to five large cables of ours. AT&T brought in work crews and the first priority was to pump the water out of the manhole, which required several large pumps and several hours to drain. The San Bruno Department of Public Works was notified at 8:35 a.m. and asked for their assistance in stopping or redirecting the runoff from the storm drain. The diverted storm drain was plugged and capped at approximately 12:00 noon and the water was completely drained by 2:00 p.m. that day. High-power fans were used to dry out the cables and restore service. Two of the five cables impacted were successfully returned to service through this process. Three cables required techs to replace sections of the cable, resulting in a more extensive repair; i.e., splicing of the individual lines. AT&T's crews did work around the clock 24/7 to assess and repair the damage. All but a few of the lines were successfully restored by October 12. There were a few customers who had some service impacts requiring additional visits from the technicians and additional work on the part of staff. They regret the impact on their customers and are investigating the incident. Customers can contact AT&T and they will be given credit for their time out of service.

Mayor Ruane asked if all the customers are back in service? **Clunie** concurred. **Mayor Ruane** asked if it was a San Bruno only event. **Clunie** said San Bruno as well as Millbrae customers were

affected. **Mayor Ruane** asked if the lines were cut. **Clunie** said this was an unusual incident and there was a lot of water involved, the lines were exceptionally wet. **Mayor Ruane** said he did not believe the communication the City received from AT&T was adequate. **Clunie** expressed her apologies and offered to give all her contact information.

Councilmember Medina said the information needs to be offered to our residents. He noted those on the front lines who are affected need to have an outlet and some type of opportunity to go to a neighbor and get a response that will help and comfort them. **Clunie** said she would be glad to take that information back to the Company and asked for specifics? **Councilmember Medina** said we have San Bruno Cable with a website. If there is an issue that arises, that information can be put out to avenues we have. The customer should be able to readily know what is happening. **Clunie** said customers could call AT&T's 1-800-288-2020.

Councilmember O'Connell asked if AT&T could contact the City before the residents call? **Clunie** said her job is the liaison to the business. She said if there was something that required attention she would give staff a call.

Councilmember Ibarra said this was a major outage that lasted October 5 to October 12. He said he believed we should hear from an engineer or someone with more technical expertise who could explain what happened. He said it is October 25, and we are being told it is still under investigation. He said while he appreciated AT&T being here this evening, there is nothing new. **Clunie** said this is a very unusual situation for AT&T and they value their customers. She said she did not want to give incorrect information. She said there were significant factors involved and the investigation is taking a little while. She asked she be contacted as soon as there is additional information, and she will do the same.

Councilmember Ibarra asked what assurances we can get from AT&T to be sure this does not happen again? **Clunie** said she could not speak on what would happen in the future before they know what happened. She emphasized their crew worked 24/7, which is unusual for them.

Robert Riechel, 7th Ave. said San Bruno has had many storms and asked how AT&T is going to be proactive to avoid the same situation from occurring again. **Clunie** said no specific information could be provided until the cause is discovered.

4. PRESENTATIONS: None.

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA: No changes.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: City Council and Planning Commission Joint Special Meeting of October 11, 2011 and City Council Meeting of October 11, 2011, approved as submitted.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. **Approve:** Accounts Payable of October 3, 10 and 17, 2011.
- b. **Approve:** Payroll of October 9, 2011.
- c. **Adopt:** Resolution Accepting \$30,000 Grant from the California State Library to Develop a Multipurpose Classroom and Computer Lab in the, San Bruno Library Public Library.

M/S Medina/Ibarra to approve the Consent Calendar and passed with all ayes.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Hold Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution Approving Request for Citizen's Option for Public Safety Funds for FY 2011/12 in the Amount of \$100,000 for Traffic Enforcement.

Chief Telford gave an overview of the staff report and asked for questions.

Councilmember Medina asked if this was a budgeted item. **City Manager Jackson** said the grant funds were not budgeted.

Mayor Ruane opened the Public Hearing. No one wished to speak.

M/S Medina/Ibarra to close the Public Hearing and passed with all ayes.

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: None.

10. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:

a. Receive Quarterly Financial Report as of September 30, 2011 for the City and Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2011-12 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds.

Finance Director Suen gave a summary of the staff report and power point presentation and asked for questions, of which there were none.

b. Adopt Resolution Approving First Quarter Budget Amendments for the City and Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2011-12 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets.

Finance Director Suen gave a summary of the staff report and power point presentation and asked for questions, of which there were none.

Board/Councilmember Ibarra introduced the resolution for adoption and passed with a unanimous vote.

c. Adopt Resolution Amending the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of San Bruno and the Public Safety Mid-Management Group to Establish Compensation for a Battalion Chief Position Assigned to a Fire Prevention Position.

Fire Chief Haag gave an overview of the staff report and asked for questions.

Vice Mayor Salazar said we are taking a position that is 56 hours and reducing it to 40 hours and asking to pay more for that position. **Haag** said it is being taken from a Division Chief level to a Battalion Chief level, a lower paid position. He said when we transfer from a 56-hour workweek to 40-hour workweek; the 56-hour has holiday pay, FLSA and obviously the overtime peaks. To make the transfer to 40 hour and make it attractive enough for someone to go from operations and essentially taking a cut in pay, overall, and to keep it at a level base where they can make a decent salary and benefit. **Vice Mayor Salazar** said this position would not require them to run into burning buildings, give them a steady 9 to 5 job and allow them to take their vacation when planned to spend more time with their family. **Haag** also said there is a 2% in lieu piece added to this.

Councilmember Medina introduced the resolution for adoption, passed with ayes, one nay, Vice Mayor Salazar.

11. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES:

12. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Ruane wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

13. CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Ruane said they would be going into closed session with no reportable action. Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(b), One Case.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ruane closed the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The next regular City Council Meeting will be on November 8, 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
November 8, 2011

Carol Bonner, City Clerk

Jim Ruane, Mayor