



“The City With a Heart”

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

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL

September 21, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Meeting location: San Bruno City Hall, 567 El Camino Real, Room 115, San Bruno, CA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT** the San Bruno City Council met in special session on September 21, 2010 at San Bruno’s City Hall, 567 El Camino Real, San Bruno, CA. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Presiding was Mayor Ruane, Vice Mayor Medina and Council Members O’Connell, Salazar and Medina. **Acting City Attorney Rubens** led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Recording by Clerk Bonner.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Special City Council Meeting of September 16, 2010, approved as submitted
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 5. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:**
 - a. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Treadwell & Rollo, Inc. to Provide Geotechnical Engineering Services and a Contract with Westfall Engineers, Inc. to Provide Structural Engineering Services for Designing Repairs for Slopes and Retaining Walls in Crestmoor Canyon Related to Glenview Fire.

City Manager Jackson commented this was one of two special Council meetings and she would anticipate to reserve every Tuesday for a Council Meeting. She said the items tonight exceed her \$25,000 authorization, and need Council approval. She said they would not be entering a competitive bid process.

Interim Administrative Services Director O’Leary gave an overview of the staff report describing the two contracts. He said it was critical to render an assessment and asked for questions.

Mayor Ruane asked if it was just the canyon? He asked if retaining walls in private property were included? **Public Services Director Fabry** said our experts would assess the risk of the private retaining walls on overall slope stability in the canyon.

Councilmember Ibarra asked how far the scope of the services would go? **Fabry** said from the bottom of the slope, more around the burn area. **Councilmember Ibarra** asked where do we stop? **Fabry** said it was very complex and she would follow-up when more information is available.

John Sekulich, Claremont Dr. said there was a problem with the Park on Glenview before the fire and the issue needed to be addressed.

Vice Mayor Medina asked when the information would come? **Fabry** said a recommendation would come in about two weeks. **O’Leary** said specifications are part of this contract.

Rudy, Claremont Dr. asked for clarification of what is the proposal? **Mayor Ruane** said they are looking for recommendations on the condition. **Fabry** said the focus would be on the damaged, higher-risk areas in the canyon.

John Sekulich asked if FEMA funds were available. **City Manager Jackson** said if they were available, it would not be available for this project. This was a consequence from the incident itself. FEMA pays a percentage of costs and it is complex.

Bill Bishop, Claremont Dr. asked if the trees would be removed. **Mayor Ruane** said the experts are looking at it.

Councilmember Salazar asked for clarification of reimbursement? **City Manager Jackson** said depending on the level of approval; maximum amount is 94% with the President doing a declaration of emergency.

Councilmember Salazar asked who makes the final determination? **City Manager Jackson** said the City is responsible for identifying and documentation and it will take a long time.

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

b. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office for Security Services Related to the Glenview Fire Area.

Interim Administrative Services Director O'Leary gave an overview of the staff report which explained the need to secure the sight through mutual aid for the next four weeks. It would be an enhancement to what we have and we would hope for recovery.

Councilmember Ibarra said it is not guaranteed. Who will they report to? **O'Leary** said the San Bruno Police Department.

Councilmember Salazar asked how many officers? **O'Leary** said he believed there would four high-level security guards in addition to the San Bruno Police, 24 hours a day.

Vice Mayor Medina asked where people could complain. **O'Leary** said the San Bruno Police. Discussion took place with residents regarding safety.

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

c. Consider and Confirm Adjustments to Water, Wastewater, Garbage and Cable Bills for Residents Impacted by the Glenview Fire.

Interim Administrative Services Director O'Leary reviewed the staff report regarding billing and making adjustments and asked for questions.

Councilmember Salazar asked about garbage? **O'Leary** said there would be no change. **Councilmember Salazar** also said he was in favor of forgiving August for those homes destroyed or with major and moderate damage.

Councilmember Ibarra asked how many people left cable? He proposed doing a program to get them back. He also suggested free hook-up for Cable. **City Manager Jackson** said we don't have that information yet but will get it.

Mayor Ruane said this was trauma and hard to put a number on it and very sensitive.

Vice Mayor Medina said to waive the August billing. He said it was an impact to our revenues and can it be recouped? **O’Leary** said he hoped so.

Councilmember O’Connell said to forgive August billing and change the wording from terminate to suspend.

M/S O’Connell/Salazar to approve with August billing suspended and passed with all ayes.

6. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilmember O’Connell asked if PG&E would cover permits? **City Manager Jackson** said the City has received \$3 million which has not been designated as of yet.

Councilmember Salazar asked if PG&E had subcontracted with a company? **City Manager Jackson** did not have a firm answer. **Councilmember Salazar** said people need to understand what they are entitled to. **City Manager Jackson** said she would follow-up.

Councilmember Salazar announced there was a Legal Rights Workshop being held on Wednesday, September 22 at John’s Bayhill Café and he would give the City Clerk the flier.

Councilmember Ibarra said what is visually out there? What can be done to lessen the visual impact? **City Manager Jackson** said the intent is to address safety and environmental health until the individuals get back on their feet. Debris removal will resume on Thursday and it will take two to three weeks to have a site clear of all debris and rubble.

Discussions followed with residents.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Ruane closed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The next regular City Council Meeting will be held on September 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road, San Bruno.

Respectfully submitted for approval
at the Special City Council Meeting of
October 5, 2010

Carol Bonner, City Clerk

Jim Ruane, Mayor