

**RED BLUFF
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 2010
Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
9 p.m. Closed Executive Session
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, Ca 96080

Councilmember's Present: Bob Carrel, Mayor Pro Tem
Wayne Brown
Forrest Flynn
James Byrne

Councilmember's Absent: Jeffery Moyer, Mayor

Staff Present: Martin Nichols, City Manager
Jo Anna Lopez, City Clerk
Scot Timboe, Planning Director
Mark Barthel, Public Works Director
Donna Gordy, City Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Carrel Moyer asked Bill Moule, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Assembly joined in

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

NONE

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CURRENT BUSINESS:

Martin Nichols, City Manager asked Council to add a Closed Session at the end of this meeting for:

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: Executive Session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.6 for the purpose of instructing the City's designated representatives Martin Nichols, City Manager, and Tessa Pritchard, Human Resources Director, regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits with the Police Unit, Fire Unit, Miscellaneous Unit, Mid-Management and Management Employees.**

M/S/C Councilmembers Brown and Flynn to hold a Closed Session at the end of this Meeting for the above.

AYES: Councilmembers Brown, Flynn, Byrne and Carrel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Moyer (absent-excused)

RED BLUFF REBOUND

Recommendation: That the City Council hear the presentations by members of the Red Bluff Rebound Group and provide direction to staff on those proposals that should further reviewed for possible Council adoption.

Bill Moule, Chairman of the Local Government Committee for Chamber of Commerce, introduced some members of the Chamber of Commerce and gave a brief over view of what they would be speaking on.

1. VIDEO BILLBOARD

Ken Robison, Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation to the City Council on the concept of a Video Billboard. Mr. Robison supplied a color photo of where the video billboard would be located on the freeway, as well as a color picture on what the video billboard would look like.

Brian Ramsey, Chamber of Commerce, provided the dimensions of the video billboard as 19 x 32 and that the cost of the video billboard would be approximately \$300,000.00, which would be funded by private contributions, grants, and business and government loans.

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M/S/C Councilmembers Flynn and Byrne to go ahead with the Video Billboard Project.

AYES: Councilmembers: Brown, Byrne, Flynn and Carrel

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Moyer (absent-excused)

2. EXPEDITE PUBLIC WORKS INVESTMENT

Charlie Wright, Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation on Expediting Public Works Investment to assure that all Prop 1B funds are used, with recommendation to micro surface/overlay peripheral downtown district streets. The proposed area is Oak Street to Cedar Street and Main Street to Monroe Street.

Mark Barthel, Public Works Director, stated this micro surface is about a 10 year fix and that the amount to do this would run approximately \$400,000.

Charlie Wright, Chamber of Commerce, requested that the Council vote on Item 2- 1 to micro surface/overlay peripheral downtown district streets between Oak Street to Cedar Street and Main Street to Monroe Street with clear direction for staff to use the City Engineer immediately to design and engineer plans for construction bidding and construction. If the city does not use city staff and the City engineer, it is unlikely the Prop. 1B funds will be spent with the time given.

M/S/C Councilmembers Flynn and Byrne to move ahead with this project and direct staff to use the City Engineer to prepare design and construction plans to put out for construction bid and construction for item 2-1 to micro surface/overlay peripheral downtown district streets between Oak Street to Cedar Street and Main Street to Monroe Street, as this item is a priority.

AYES: Councilmembers Flynn, Byrne, Brown and Carrel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Councilmember Jeff Moyer (absent-excused)

Utilization of a qualified engineering consulting firm, paid out of DIF funds, to prepare plans and contract documents for one project to be "shovel-ready". This would put the City of Red Bluff in position to take full advantage of whatever funding may be offered on short term notice from the State and/or Federal Governments. If that does not happen, the documents are ready when other funding becomes available. The recommended project is the widening of Monroe Street from Highland Bluffs to Highway 36 West.

Scot Timboe stated that there was no Environmental Impact Study needed for this project and that an exemption can be filed as long as we stay within the right of way.

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No Action taken by Council at this time, but advised Mr. Barthel to bring back to the City Council the Traffic Development Impact Fee Fund balance and estimated project cost.

Utilization of a qualified engineering consulting firm paid out of Wastewater Facilities Account to prepare plans and contract documents (and then bid for construction) for the First Street to Monroe Street sewer interceptor project.

No Action taken at this time, but advised Mr. Barthel to bring back to the City Council the Sewer Development Impact Fees Fund balance and estimated project cost.

AMORTIZE OF DIF FEES

Amortization of Development Impact Fees over 15 years to soften the hit to new development particularly smaller projects, as these fees add to the cost of any project. The Plan is to develop protocol for the City to amortize DIF fees over 15 years with payments to be made on property tax bill. The remaining amount of the deferred fee will be adjusted annually to account for inflation. Deferred DIF fees will be secured at the same level as a property tax lien to protect the City's interests. Policy should be set for review in five years to confirm its viability. The Benefit: May create more jobs in construction and permanent jobs plus sales tax revenue to the extent that projects happen which are otherwise now "DOA" (dead on approval).

Councilmembers agreed they would like to see this project move forward, but legal issues would need to be worked out first.

Scot Timboe stated that from his perspective there is a real concern as spreading DIF fees over 15 years would result in no projects at all as an example Super Wal-Mart would be allowed to do this and at this time they would pay about 600-700 thousand dollars in traffic impact fees prior to building permit issuance, if this policy was allowed they would only pay about 50 thousand dollars every year and in the first 5 years the city would only have 250 thousand dollars, ten years, 500 thousand dollars and in about 14 to 15 years the final amount. He is very concerned as 300 plus acres of undeveloped lands south of Kimball needs the Vista Way/I-5/South Main St./Diamond Ave. over crossing to develop out with is the largest area for potential commercial and other development left in the cities future. He is requesting that if a policy is made that would amortize DIF over 15 years that the Sewer impact fees and the traffic impact fees are exempted, which mean the full amount would have to be paid prior to building permit issuance.

Council directed staff to look into the legal problems that would need to be worked out, and then bring back to the City Council.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN.

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ADA UPGRADES – PENDING CASP IMPLEMENTATION

Brian Ramsey, Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the CASP new regulations go into effect on July 1st. The City Council should consider problems and impacts and then provide clarity of procedure and perspective for building officials. Establishing clarity and direction from Council to staff will provide a level of personal indemnification for building officials thus allowing for more freedom in decisions on a project by project basis. City staff consulting a CASp as needed, as opposed to requiring CASp plan review and inspection will result in the lightest application of the law, with the least impact. This approach will also provide leeway until some entity having authority clarifies or broadly sues to enforce a greater level.

NO ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME

LOCAL PURCHASE PREFERENCE 5% AND 10%

Bill Moule, Chamber of Commerce, explained every purchase made by the City will have a local vendor requirement. There must be a request made of Red Bluff business for a proposal; if none is available a Tehama County vendor should be asked to bid.

If the local proposal is within 10% of a non-City business the bid is to be awarded locally

The impact: may be revenue neutral, potential for sales tax revenue increase.

Councilmember Flynn stated the City tries to use local people or business for all our bids.

Chamber would also like the City to partner up with the fairgrounds, which means not charging for events at the fairgrounds or any other venue that hold events.

NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

SHOP RED BLUFF: SUPPORTING BUSINESS & BUILDING COMMUNITY

Bill Moule, Dave Gowan and Kris Behrens all spoke on this item.

1. Put flyers inside water and garbage bills that state shop Red Bluff.
2. Put flyers inside business windows for advertising shop Red Bluff.
3. Shop Local Card: participating businesses stamp the card and 5 stamps put you in a drawing for a local business prize.
4. Kick-off events with media coverage.
5. Chamber will print all flyers at Chambers expense.

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Council agreed with the Chamber on this concept but no action was taken at this time.

STAFF ITEMS/ REPORTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCIL COMMENTS/ STAFF UPDATES OF COMING EVENTS:

NONE

CLOSED SESSION:

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Mayor Pro Tem Carrel adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m. to Closed Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Carrel re-opened the meeting at 9:10 p.m. and reported that the City Council had given direction to staff.

There being no further business Mayor Pro Tem Carrel adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m. until the meeting of July 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

s/Jeffery M. Moyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk