

REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 8, 2008

The Concord City Council and Redevelopment Agency met in a regular joint meeting on December 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1950 Parkside Drive with Mayor/Agencymember Shinn presiding. All Councilmembers were present and the pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Shinn. Minutes follow in abbreviated form per Resolution 3361 and Council Minutes of September 26, 1966.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Helen Allen, Guy Bjerke, Laura Hoffmeister, Mark Peterson, Bill Shinn

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Keen, City Manager; Valerie Barone, Assistant City Manager; Craig Labadie, City Attorney; Mary Rae Lehman, City Clerk; Tom Wentling, City Treasurer; Peggy Lefebvre, Finance Director; Joan Carrico, Director of Community and Recreation Services; Alex Pascual, Director of Building, Engineering, and Neighborhood Services; Ron Puccinelli, Director of Information Technology; Qamar Khan, Director of Public Works; Jim Forsberg, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Kathy Ito, Director of Human Resources

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE
WHO ADDRESSED COUNCIL:

Sam Lipson, Concord; Paul Choisser, Concord; Bret Collmer, Concord; Charles Davidson, Concord; Kenneth Collmer, Walnut Creek; Ronnie Collmer, Walnut Creek; Paul Poston, Concord; Joseph Partansky, Clayton; Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sam Lipson, Concord, stated that in his opinion there is inadequate parking in the Centre Pointe Development.

Paul Choisser, Concord, read an original poem regarding the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

Bret Collmer, Concord, expressed his concern over the lack of compensation for damages to his residence in a flood which occurred four years ago.

Charles Davidson, Concord, stated his support of Bret Collmer's request for assistance.

Kenneth Collmer, Walnut Creek, confirmed the comments made by Bret Collmer.

Ronnie Collmer, Walnut Creek, shared her support of the request made by Bret Collmer.

Paul Poston, Concord, stated his opinions on the lack of landscaping at the 242 construction area in Sun Terrace development, the use of meandering residential streets, and the proposed location of a training facility in the Reuse Plans.

Joseph Partansky, Clayton, requested remembrance of Herb Putnam, Concord resident and supporter of the Concord mental health community, and encouraged participation in the upcoming Human Relations Commission Awards reception scheduled for January 13, 2009.

Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Concord, thanked the Council and staff for the work they have done in the community and encouraged continued support for the residents during the economic downturn.

CITY COUNCIL
MATTERS

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 08-65 – Revised Proposition 1B Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-08

Motion was made by Hoffmeister and seconded by Allen to adopt Resolution 08-65, entitled "APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PLAN FOR THE USE OF PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08," and approve allocations of funds for Project NO. 2108, Treat Boulevard (Oak Grove Road to San Miguel Road) Street Median Landscape Improvements and Project No. 2131, Clayton Road Intersection Improvements. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MATTERS

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT

Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Hoffmeister to approve the City of Concord Redevelopment Agency's Annual report for Fiscal Year 2007-08; and authorize transmittal to the City Council for review. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Agency.

REORGANIZATION
PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Shinn welcomed those in attendance and introduced dignitaries in the audience.

PRESENTATION – Mayor’s Community Service Award

Mayor Shinn announced that the co-recipients of the Mayor’s Community Service Award for 2008 were David Goldman, Chairman of Friends of Camp Concord, and Dan Ashley, Channel 7 News Broadcaster. He stated that conflicts in schedules prevented either of the recipients from the ability to attend the meeting, and commended their fund raising efforts which have annually allowed under-privileged youth to attend Camp Concord.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 08-66 – Official election Results

City Clerk Mary Rae Lehman reported on the official results of the November 4, 2008 Consolidated Municipal election. She stated that 49,545 votes were cast, for a voter turnout of 86.33%. She announced the following votes:

For two Council seats:

Mark Peterson	25,974
William “Bill” Shinn	24,066
La Shawn B. Wells	11,566

City Clerk Lehman also reported that on the question presented to the voters on whether the office of the City Clerk for the City of Concord should be appointive (Ballot Measure G), the Measure passed by the following votes:

Yes	23,848
No	17,077

Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Bjerke to adopt Resolution 08-66, entitled “A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF CONCORD.” The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Mary Rae Lehman administered the Oath of Office to reelected Councilmembers Mark Peterson and William Shinn and presented them with Certificates of Election.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 08-67 – Designation of Mayor and Vice Mayor

Councilmember Peterson nominated Guy Bjerke to serve as Vice Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Hoffmeister.

Councilmember Peterson nominated Laura Hoffmeister to serve as Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Allen.

Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Shinn to adopt resolution 08-67, entitled “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LAURA HOFFMEISTER AS MAYOR AND GUY BJERKE AS VICE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF CONCORD.” Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 08-729 – Designation of Chair and Vice Chair

Councilmember Allen nominated Mark Peterson to serve as Vice Chair of the Redevelopment Agency, seconded by Councilmember Bjerke.

Councilmember Peterson nominated Helen Allen to serve as Chair of the Redevelopment Agency, seconded by Councilmember Bjerke.

Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Shinn to adopt Redevelopment Agency Resolution 08-729 entitled, " A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HELEN ALLEN AS CHAIR AND MARK PETERSON AS VICE CHAIR OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY." Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council/Agency.

PRESENTATION – to Outgoing Redevelopment Agency Chair Hoffmeister

Former Agency Vice Chair Bjerke presented a plaque to outgoing Agency Chair Hoffmeister in recognition of her year of service.

CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY REORGANIZATION

Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Shinn to confirm designation of Mayor Hoffmeister and Vice Mayor Bjerke to serve as the new Local Reuse Authority Chair and Vice Chair respectively as authorized by Local Reuse Authority Resolution 06-1 adopted January 10, 2006. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

PRESENTATION – to Outgoing Mayor Shinn

Former Vice Mayor Allen presented outgoing Mayor Shinn with a certificate in recognition of his year of service. Councilmember Hoffmeister presented him a variety of humorous mementos in remembrance of his year.

COMMENTS

Former Mayor Shinn shared comments about the past year and thanked the community for their support. He concluded by presenting his colleagues with a formal photo of the Council.

Following comments by Councilmembers Allen, Bjerke, and Peterson, Mayor Hoffmeister made introductions of her family and extended an invitation to join her in celebration of the evening's event at the Concord Senior Center.

By order of the chair, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. in memory of Herb Putnam, founder of the Contra Costa Clubhouse, Inc.

LAURA M. HOFFMEISTER
MAYOR/AGENCYMEMBER

HELEN M. ALLEN
COUNCILMEMBER/AGENCY CHAIR

MARY RAE LEHMAN
CITY CLERK/AGENCY SECRETARY