

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF YUBA CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 18, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

Closed Session 6:00 p.m

Confer with real property negotiators Steven Jepsen and Devin Barber pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding negotiations with Union Pacific regarding possible purchase of right of way through the City of Yuba City.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m

Call to Order

The City Council of the City of Yuba City was called to order by Mayor Ramirez at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmembers Gill, Maan, McBride, Miller and Mayor Ramirez
Absent: None

Invocation

Police Chief Richard Doscher gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Councilmember Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Communication

1. **Written Requests - None**
2. **Appearance of Interested Citizens –**

Donald Kessel, 1964 Pebble Beach Drive, Yuba City
Elaine Miles, 487 Anita Way, Yuba City

Consent Calendar

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilmember Maan seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

3. **City Council Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2008**

Approved the Council meeting minutes of November 4, 2008.
4. **Authorization to Formally Apply, Accept and Expend Grant Funding for Training, Governance and Policy Development Relative to the Police Department's Regional Emergency Interoperable Radio System as Funded by the Office of Homeland Security.**

Adopted Resolution 08-122 authorizing the application, acceptance and expenditure of a California Office of Homeland Security Training, Governance and Operations Policy Development Grant. Further, authorized the City's Chief Financial Officer to make budget adjustments as necessary.

5. Purchase of Real Property (APN 52-401-014) (RDA)

Adopted RDA Resolution 08-008 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and accept a Grant Deed for Real Property located at 454 Stevens Avenue (APN 52-401-014) in Yuba City, and approving a related supplemental appropriation of \$123,000 in Redevelopment Agency Funds.

6. Amendment to City Investment Policy

Approved an amendment to the City Investment Policy to provide for the purchase of City and Redevelopment Agency lease and debt obligations exceeding 5 years in maturity. Authorized staff to purchase Yuba City Redevelopment Project 2007 Tax Allocation Bonds for investment in the City's pooled cash portfolio.

General Items

7. Annual Review of Development Impact Fee Update

Community Development Director Aaron Busch stated that given the fact that the offset in impact fees is not a significant amount, it would be prudent at this time to hold impact fees at their current levels in an effort to stimulate economic activity.

The following members of the community spoke on this item:

Dr. Larry Ozeran
Elaine Miles, 487 Anita Way
Darin Gale, 1153 Franklin Ave

Council discussed the benefits and pitfalls of continuing with the Impact Fee freeze that has already been in place for one year. Council decided that a continuation of the freeze may place the City behind in terms of future development.

Councilmember Miller moved to adopt the recommendation that staff continue with the fee schedule previously adopted in 2007. Councilmember Maan seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

8. Bicycle Transportation Plan

Public Works Director George Musallam asked Council to consider Item 8 and 9 together as they are related. This plan is required as a condition of applying for the BTA grants. These grants are made available to local agencies for projects that are related to the relief of traffic congestion. This plan is a copy of the Bicycle Master Plan. There has been no change. That plan was adopted through the public process in 1995.

9. Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Application

Mr. Musallam stated that this deals with the project involving the widening of Garden Highway between Winship and Lincoln. The City is asking for State approval for approximately \$445,000 with the City matching 10%, which is included in the budget for the Garden Highway Project.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 08-120 adopting the City of Yuba City Bicycle Transportation Plan dated November 2008. Councilmember Gill also moved to adopt Resolution 08-121 authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an application for the State Bicycle Transportation Account, and if selected, agreeing to the matching funds requirement. Councilmember Maan seconded the motions that passed with a unanimous vote.

10. Town Center Property – License and Cleanup Agreement with Yuba City Steel Products Company (RDA)

Mr. Musallam stated this property was purchased years ago from Yuba City Steel. Some contamination on the property due to the steel operations has been found. We have been in contact with Yuba City Steel to initiate clean-up of the property. This agreement will outline the terms for the clean-up efforts as well as the reimbursement. The agreement will also allow Yuba City Steel access to the property.

Councilmember Maan moved to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a License and Cleanup Agreement with Yuba City Steel Products Company covering environmental investigation and remediation of property located at 425 Franklin Avenue (AP#52-380-016) owned by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Yuba City. Councilmember Gill seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

Business from the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board

11. City Council Reports

- Councilmember Gill gave thanks to the Fire Chief for the updates on Yuba City Fire Personnel currently in Southern California. He also gave thanks to the Police Chief for the invitation to his retirement dinner. Councilmember Gill stated that this was the last official meeting for Mayor Ramirez and that he would save his remarks for the Changing of the Guard Ceremony.
- Councilmember Maan reiterated what Councilmember Gill had stated and also asked that the close of the meeting be in honor of Mike Vinsonhalor.
- Councilmember Miller stated it has been a real pleasure working with Mayor Ramirez.
- Mayor Pro Tem McBride also stated it has been a pleasure working with the Mayor. She attended the badge pinning event for the new Fire Recruits. She stated that the City has done an excellent job of selecting personnel.
- Mayor Ramirez said thank you to his fellow Councilmembers for the kind words. He stated he was saving his comments for the ceremony next week where Mr. John Dukes will be sworn in as the new Councilmember and reelected to Council was Mr. John Miller.

Adjournment

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the regular City Council meeting of the City of Yuba City at 8:05 p.m. in memory of Mike Vinsonhalor.