

**PINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
PINOLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN HONOR OF THE US MILITARY TROOPS**

The Regular Pinole City Council / Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors meeting was held in the Pinole Council Chambers, 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, California. Mayor Swearingen called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL, CITY CLERK/SECRETARY'S REPORT & STATEMENT OF CONFLICT**

**A. COUNCIL PRESENT**

Tim Banuelos, Council Member, arrived following roll call at 6:05 pm  
Phil Green, Council Member  
Debbie Long, Council Member  
Peter Murray, Mayor Pro Tem arrived following roll call at 6:05 pm  
Roy V. Swearingen, Mayor

**B. STAFF PRESENT**

Belinda Espinosa, City Manager / Executive Director  
Michelle Fitzer, Assistant to the City Manager  
Ben Reyes, City Attorney  
Samantha Zutler, Legal Counsel  
Dean Allison, Public Works Director  
Amy Wooldridge, Recreation Director  
Winston Rhodes, Planning Manager  
Paul Clancy, Police Chief  
Mary Drazba, Economic Development Manager  
Francine Kuykendall, Senior Project Manager

City Clerk Patricia Athenour announced that the Agenda was posted on Friday, December 17, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. All legally required notice was provided. She asked the Council and Redevelopment Board of Directors whether there were any conflicts with any items on the agenda. None were reported.

She reported recent receipt of a communication to Mayor Swearingen from the Contra Costa College regarding the annual Women's History Month celebration on March 24, 2001. Each community must select a representative from their community and advise the College by February 7, 2010. She said she would agendize the discussion and action on the City Council meeting in January 18<sup>th</sup> and asked the Council to forward recommendations for consideration at that meeting.

**3. CONVENE TO A CLOSED SESSION – CITY COUNCIL AND AGENCY BOARD (5-7PM)**

At 6:07 p.m., Mayor Swearingen convened to the noticed closed session.

City Council

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – Pursuant to GC § 54957  
Title: Fire Chief
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to GC §54956.9(a) Claim of Russell Young

Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--POTENTIAL LITIGATION -  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (1)  
Legal Counsel: Redevelopment Agency Counsel Stephanie Downs  
Number of Cases: One Matter

**4. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Swearingen reconvened the meeting in open session. He announced there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

**5. RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Proclamations
- B. Presentations

There were no proclamations or presentations.

**6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (Public Comments)**

**Julie Oshiro**, Pinole citizen, Community services commission member, event chair for Relay for Life, listed the reasons to retain the Community Services Commission, under review for possible cuts in 2011–12.

**Jeff Rubin**, Pinole citizen/Pinole Community Services Commission, addressed Council in support of retaining the Community Services Commission. He said that Ms. Wooldridge spends about four hours per month supporting the commission and he spoke to the merits of keeping the recreation programs.

**Cindy Trego**, Pinole citizen, reported on the school district facilities meeting; one of the topics of discussion was cameras at Pinole Valley High. She addressed the lack of response from the Board member Thurmond, and asked the Council to invite the School Board to hold a meeting to discuss Pinole safety issues locally, rather than in Richmond. She provided a summary of the prior timeline and statistics of occurrences on Pinole Valley High campus.

**Laurelle Martin**, Pinole citizen, Community Services Commissioner and Youth Foundation member, stated that along with reductions in the Recreation budget, she was concerned that the Activity Guide may be cut. She said the guide attracts participants for events that provide critical funding for the department. She said the Community Services was a group of dedicated volunteers who provide a service to the community and provide a conduit to the Council from other agencies and groups and serve as an advocate to the community.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Staff removed Item 7E, to be held over to a future meeting. Council Member Long pulled Item 7D.

**ACTIONS: Motion by Board / Council Members Banuelos, Murray, the Agency Board / City Council Approved the Consent Calendar, with the Exception of Items D and E.**

**Vote: Passed 5-0.**

Redevelopment Agency Items

- A. Adopted **Resolution 57-2010**, and Grant A Storm Drainage Easement To The Property At 2051 Buena Vista Drive. [**Agency Report No. 2010-58; Action: Adopt Resolution Per Staff Recommendation (Kuykendall)**]

Joint Agency Board / City Council Items

- B. Approved the Minutes of the Meetings of December 1, December 7, December 8, and December 14, 2010.
- C. Received the December 4-10 and the December 11-17, 2010 Lists of Warrants and the December 10, 2010 Payroll In The Amount of \$460,835.04.
- D. Acceptance of Heritage Park Cottages Phase II - Pacific Mountain Contractors and Authorize Recordation of a Notice of Completion [**Joint City/Agency Report No. 2010-149jt; Action: Adopt Joint Resolution Per Staff Recommendation (Kuykendall)**] **REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

Council Member Long removed this item from the calendar to inquire about the status of the previously incomplete punch list items, specifically the damage to the French drain, whether it was repaired and who was responsible.

Economic Development Manager Drazba said that staff recommended approval of the Notice of Completion to proceed with recordation tomorrow to allow the subcontractors to file their lien notices; the other remaining items were cosmetic only. Retention monies were also held to insure completion.

City Attorney Reyes said the City would hold an amount equivalent to the amount necessary to fix the drain, and the public sidewalk would be repaired by the City. In addition funds would be held for the French drain on the neighboring property and on the subject property and PMC has acknowledged that was still in dispute. He explained the entire retention was ten percent of the contract, and the value of the disputed items was only \$25,000. The balance would be released, if not contested. The cosmetic punch list items would be completed before the retention period. It was determined that the sidewalk was the City's responsibility because there was not substantial proof it was the fault of the contractor.

At the request of Council, Ms. Drazba addressed the nature of the "cosmetic" items, such as an electrical receptacle in the wrong place, an exterior slough wall to hold debris, a brick cut, and relocation of an irrigation timer; all very minor items.

Discussed ensued. Council Member Long asked why fixing some items was negotiable. She said she would not vote in favor of this request until she was advised which items were found to be acceptable and which were not.

Staff said they could provide a revised punch list, but that they recommended approval of the Notice of Completion, with the funds retained to complete the items.

Mayor Swearingen said that sufficient funds should be retained to insure completion of the items.

Mr. Reyes explained that he recommended retaining 150% of the disputed amount and release the rest, and to minimize the City's liability under the prompt payment rules. The amount would be approximately \$25,000.

Council Member Green said he wished to see the punch list.

Council Member Long said the report was incomplete and she would not support approval.

Mayor Swearingen said he had a difficult time dealing with a threatening letter from the contractor. He said it was not a fair accusation, and he was in agreement with retaining the amount recommended by City Attorney Reyes.

Mayor Pro Tem Murray said that punch lists are sometimes drafted overly broad, and when compliance with UBC items is achieved, the others are negotiable. He believed that to be what occurred here. Retaining 150% was sufficient incentive to get the items completed.

Council Member Banuelos said the staff report should be more descriptive and provide clarification to reduce confusion. Council Member Long said the Council should have received the updated punch list.

City Attorney Reyes said they would be happy to provide it. He again pointed out that the items in question were only \$25,000 on a one million dollar project. The items were purely cosmetic, except the French drain.

The following speakers addressed the Agency Board:

**John Hogan**, Vice President of Pacific Mountain Contractors, stated that all the punch list items have been addressed; there were no more issues and asked the Council to approve the Notice of Completion. He said it was a quality project; anything outstanding was purely design, not construction issues.

**ACTION: Motion by Council Members Murray/ Banuelos, the City Council Adopted Resolution 2010-111 and Agency Resolution 58-2010, Accepted Heritage Park Cottages Phase II (Pacific Mountain Contractors) and Authorized Recordation of a Notice of Completion, Subject to Retention Approximately \$25,000 of the Estimated Cost to Complete the Punch List Items, as noted above.**

**Vote: Passed 3-1. (Yes: Murray, Swearingen, Banuelos; Noes: Long; Abstain: Green)**

#### City Council Items

- E. Grant Another Designated Period For Two Years Additional Service Credit With CALPERS, In Accordance With Section 20903 (Sworn Police) **[Council Report**

## 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

### City Council

- A. Grant Another Designated Period For Two Years Additional Service Credit With CALPERS, In Accordance With Section 20903 (Miscellaneous) [**Council Report No. 2010-151; Action: Adopt Resolution Per Staff Recommendation (Fitzer)**]

**Michelle Fitzer**, Assistant to the City Manager, entered Council Report No. 2010-151 into the record. She referenced the presentation made at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, to consider granting another designated period for offering qualified positions two additional years of service credit (golden handshake). Staff recommended approval of this action to specified miscellaneous employees eligible for retirement to provide an incentive to deter involuntary layoffs. The window period established by Calipers regulations was December 22, 2010 to May 15, 2011. The fiscal impact would be realized in FY 2012-13. Do not know the actual cost but if every eligible employee retired, it would be just over one million dollars, amortized over twenty years. The analysis was provided in Attachment B. The salary savings from offering this incentive is unknown until know which employees would take this incentive offer. Staff was available for questions.

**James Tillman**, Pinole citizen, referred to a 60 Minutes segment aired the prior week about government retirement plans. He said Pinole offered a "Cadillac" plan, and the cost was a burden on the taxpayer. He raised the following questions:

1. Should this buyout be funded by the employees
2. What is the underfunded amount of the pension and health plan?
3. Would this action be problematic for future budgets?

Ms. Fitzer responded that Pinole was part of a PERS pooled program. Actuarial valuations do not indicate a separate unfunded liability for Pinole; but rather the cost of all cities in the pool (totaling over 100 cities). The reason for offering the incentive to retire is to achieve the salary savings, which will more than cover the costs of the incentive. In terms of the retiree medical, the actuarial, the unfunded liability was approximately twenty-one million dollars, based pm staffing numbers prior to the reduction and negotiations with unions, which would reduce our unfunded liability.

City Manager Espinosa explained that salary increases had been frozen for two years, Pinole's retirement program was not a "Cadillac plan." Premium plans are twice the cost; and Pinole employees contribute toward the employer contribution rate, which is subject to increases.

Mayor Swearingen suggested Mr. Tillman meet individually with staff for further questions, if necessary. He also said that tax payments fund all city services and salaries, exclusive of any grant funds received.

Council comments followed.

Council Member Green asked for clarification on the cost of the current total PERS contributions; he said he calculated it at one hundred million dollars.

Ms. Fitzer responded that the annual cost was \$797,535 for public safety, and \$590,415 for the miscellaneous groups. To Green's questions, Fitzer did not believe it was a \$100 million dollars contribution over twenty years.

Ms. Espinosa explained that the cost, spread over a long period, coupled with the number of cities in the pool, smoothes the costs. The additional cost is marginal and the salary savings far exceed the cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Murray had no questions. He stated that this was one tool to help resolve the budget issues and keep the city solvent, and the City was already responsible for the retirement benefits. His concern was with maintaining the service level with the loss of staff. He stressed the importance to retain the necessary employees.

Council Member Banuelos agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Murray, but said it may not be necessary to hire another person because jobs duties may shift and there could be a net savings in some areas. He referenced the salary comparison between public and private are similar; the benefits are key in the public sector.

Council Member Long clarified that one million amortized over twenty years was \$52,000. She asked if it was less than one percent or was it \$52,000 for each person. She said she would be surprised if half the persons on the list took the incentive. She agreed with the other members that this was a good tool for balancing this budget.

Ms. Fitzer provided an example from the 2008-09 two-year incentive, stating that the twenty year contribution was approximately \$275,000 and the annual salary savings was \$350,000.

**ACTIONS: Motion by Council Members Banuelos/ Murray, the City Council Adopted Resolution 2010-112, Granting Another Designated Period For Two Years Additional Service Credit With CALPERS, In Accordance With Section 20903 (Miscellaneous)**

**Vote: Passed 5-0.**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### City Council

- A. Authorize The City Manager To Accept The Department Of Homeland Security-FEMA 2010 Safer Grant Totaling \$438,661 For Implementation Of The Fire Battalion Chief For A Two Year Performance Period [**Council Report No. 2010-152; Action: Adopt Resolution Per Staff Recommendation (Espinosa)**]

**Belinda Espinosa**, City Manager presented and summarized Council Report No. 2010-152 into the record. She congratulated Steve Akre for securing the grant which would restore the assistant chief position lost in the earlier layoff. The position would be designated as Battalion Chief, and would be comprised of two part-time positions to provide Battalion 7 chief coverage in concert with Con Fire and Rodeo Hercules Fire Departments. She explained the grant was

not allowed to supplant any firefighter positions and there couldn't be any public safety layoffs during the two- year period, absent of the waiver application.

No speakers addressed the City Council: There were no questions from Council.

**ACTIONS: Motion by Council Members Green / Long, the City Council Adopted Resolution 2010-113, Accepting The Department Of Homeland Security-FEMA 2010 Safer Grant Totaling \$438,661 For Implementation Of The Fire Battalion Chief For A Two Year Performance Period.**

**Vote: Passed 5-0.**

- B. Receive Report on the Proposed Plan for Financial Recovery FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 [**Council Report No. 2010-153; Action: Receive Report & Provide Direction (Espinosa/Fitzer)**]

**Belinda Espinosa**, City Manager presented Council Report No. 2010-153, the Financial Recovery Plan into the record (identified as Attachment B). She summarized the options in the FY 2011-12 budgets. Espinosa said no decisions were anticipated this evening; the items were suggestions for future consideration and additional discussion would continue in the coming months. She reported that today revenues were decreasing faster than expenditure reductions, there were serious cash flow issues, no reserves, vendor payments were being held, and property tax assessed valuations continue to decline based on pending property tax appeals (\$240,000 potential impact), along with a continual decrease in sales tax (\$160,000). Espinosa discussed the existing loans to the general fund over the past few years, and stated that although the City repaid the PALC line of credit, it is likely it would need to be drawn on again before April 2011, when the next installment of property tax receipts were to be received.

Ms. Espinosa discussed the parameters in the Budget Recovery Plan: balance the budget, development of a reserve plan, and improve cash flow, without reductions to police and fire. The projected shortfall for FY 2010-11 was \$467,000 and in FY 2011-12 is \$875,000. Staff outlined four majors steps taken in the current fiscal year to close the gap which included sharing of a fire chief, offering a early retirement incentive, staff reduction (11 employees totaling \$487,000), and acceptance of the SAFER grant.

Programs under consideration in the City FY2011/12 budget to close the anticipated \$875,000 shortfall include:

1. Closure of the swim center
2. Closure of the performing arts center if the Leshner grant is not renewed
3. Reductions in citywide landscape maintenance
4. Review contracting for police dispatch, planning & building, information systems and rental inspection services

Agency programs under review in the FY 2011-12, to close the \$324,000 gap include:

1. Eliminate commercial rehab
2. Reduce Economic Development incentive program
3. Reduction in force (6 month credit for layoffs)
4. Eliminate community event funding
5. Eliminate community group funding
6. Eliminate Pinole Middle School Gym

Outstanding issues include

1. Rebuild a General Fund reserve
2. Continue with negotiations with labor to reduce salary and benefit costs
3. Outcome of the City Gate Fire Service Delivery study
4. Continue to examine additional modifications, reductions and/or elimination of programs and services.

The following citizens addressed the City Council:

**Lee Perrins**, Pinole citizen, former Pinole Seals CEO and former Park & Recreation Commissioner, addressed Council regarding the attributes and benefits of the swimming pool complex. She said that recreation programs are not self-sufficient, and asked the amount of the subsidies to other recreational programs. She asked whether there were land use restrictions on the property, expressed surprise that the City partnered with an organization to run the pool, and advised that the City take back management and use grant funds for the solar install and keep the pool open until October. She said there should be more marketing of the facility before considering closure.

Mayor Swearingen said solar had been a high priority; and while there is available grant money now, the City does not have the funds to front the construction, and receive repayment later.

**Lisa Davis**, Local 1 business agent, addressed Council and outlined the impacts and service reductions based on the recent staff reductions. She said that the City was asking the employees to take the entire load, and that the employees want to participate as stakeholders. Her statement was that only front line positions were reduced, and she expressed her opposition to contracting out for services.

**Kimberly Odom**, interim Local 1 president, said she was not in agreement with the plan and looked forward to further discussions with the City.

**Lori Magistrado**, Pinole citizen and Community Services Commissioner, addressed Council regarding how a budget quantifies a community. She asked the Council to reconsider cutting community events.

**Robert Kopp**, Pinole resident, commended Council and provided the following suggestions:

1. Rent the senior center to increase revenues
2. Use City facilities for events and market our facilities to others
3. Gave accolades to the Community TV station
4. Said the City was fortunate to have good staff members, and said the citizens need to help the Council with new ideas.

Mayor Swearingen said suggestions should be brought to the Community Services Commission. He said the City could use a grant writer.

**Winifred Tong**, Pinole citizen, urged Council to keep the Swim Center open, and referred to the Seals Fun Run which raised \$15,000. The pool closure would hurt business and would not be a solution to the problem.

**Mary Horton**, Pinole citizen, thanked Ms. Espinosa for the presentation. With regard to police and fire, she said it does not matter what amenities you have if you do not feel safe in your community. Community events and Pinole cable are amenities we want to keep, but are looking to non-profits and aggressive fund raising for those items. She encouraged the Council not to cut the Pinole dispatch. She recited a recent occurrence in Berkeley involving the PD and they were unable to provide the necessary backup, the dispatchers were discourteous. She recited a situation involving Pinole dispatch and the assistance was instantaneous.

**Ivette Ricco**, Pinole Chamber President, said all programs/events add value and were created from need or demand, and giving them up was very difficult. The economy of this community has been built on sales tax revenue and increasing revenue is the critical component to working out of this difficult situation and should be the focus. She said the key was to bring shoppers to Pinole shopping centers. She encouraged the Council to look carefully at any and all reductions that would have an immediate and detrimental impact on long-term development and financial welfare of Pinole. She supported Mr. Kopp's statements and suggested working together to approach the challenges in a spirit of cooperation, stating the Chamber was looking forward to working with Council to achieve what is right for the community.

**Norma Martinez Rubin**, Pinole citizen, thanked staff for the concise presentation, and offered suggestions:

1. Retain a volunteer coordinator who could identify opportunities specific to the various departments, and recommended conducting a presentation about volunteer use and the liabilities and the cost benefit. She directed a question to the City Attorney, through the Mayor regarding how volunteers could be included, and if not, why not. She suggestions volunteers to do such things as adopt a park.
2. Called out to the public for participation and involvement
3. Use of volunteers in the Community Response (CERT) training and also requested that the Fire Department give consideration to using the currently trained volunteers who were waiting to be called on.

Mayor Swearingen addressed the idea for adopting a park or other programs, and discussed Richmond's grant program and hoped Pinole could find a way to obtain grant funds for programs involving volunteers. He also addressed earlier citizen comments regarding "boots on the ground", and said those positions are vital to our community and Council was definitely giving that priority.

Council comments and discussion followed.

Council Member Green suggested more community input and recommended more meetings for discussion and problem solving. He discussed salary information he had requested and received and counted \$500,000 in recreation payroll. He said he didn't think programs were that expensive and suggested employees discuss methods to reduce the costs and keep the programs functional. He also suggested that the unions find ideas to help the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Murray commented, stating the City's attempt to retain as many employees and services as possible. It is the community who provide the feedback through their support for particular services and for paying for said services. The state legislators make decisions that affect local government. Pinole, like other cities, is facing the same crisis. He said he did not have much faith in grants; we must help ourselves. He mentioned the Utility Users Tax, and said that every penny is important to the City, and our proximity to a much different community,

stating that the community has to fund the desired services. The City must bring this to the voters again and if the two million dollars is lost, it will be devastating. The cost may be higher, but it takes funding and citizen commitment for the services.

Council Member Banuelos said that Pinole has many involved community members and it is the matter of taking the next step to keep the community character. He was encouraged to hear from citizens the programs most important to them, and asked them to find ways to figure out how to keeping their activities. He said he had been discussing ideas with the Mayor and City Attorney regarding retaining the pool in a cooperative effort with other entities. A survey was suggested to determine what programs should be saved and which ones the community is willing to give up, and also suggested citizens air their ideas to the Community Services Commission.

Council Member Long commented that this was the reality, and there were no sacred line items. She said she will be looking at everything to determine which programs were effective and efficient. She said if police and fire staffing was reduced, the situation would get worse, but possibly there were ways to reduce costs. The City must get labor concessions from all levels. The lack of a reserve was a big obstacle. Both a solid budget and business plan were necessary to sustain the City in the future. With no easy solutions, she stated the importance of educating the public. She suggested opportunities for advertisements in the community guide and methods of making programs pay their way through adequate fee assessments. Another suggestion was to tape or televise Neighborhood Watch quarterly to reach the entire community.

Mayor Swearingen said this was a situation not unlike the depression in the 1930's. Revenues (sales & property taxes) are down and the City cannot provide the activities citizens have become accustomed to. He discussed the moving target with revenues continuing to decline. The Mayor responded to Ms. Perrins question about other recreation activities the city supports and discussed the EBRPD WW grant funds and suggested that dedicated funding for specific programs (similar to an HOA paying for their pool and amenities) was a possibility. He cited an example in Alameda where the pool was now run by non-profits, because the city can no longer fund it. He said no decisions were being made without the public having a stake in the decision.

At 10:02 p.m., Mayor Swearingen called a recess and reconvened the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

## **11. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Mayor / Chair Report
  - 1. Announcements
    - a. Updated council on the lack of funds to front for solar project, and discussed meeting with Chevron Energy Solutions and possibly make a presentation to work around the deficit funding
    - b. Attended WCCTAC; was installed as Chair
    - c. Attended West County Mayors meeting and provided a brief report.
- B. Mayoral / Council Appointments
- C. City Council / Agency Board Committee Reports

Council Member Long asked for confirmation of a meeting with the school district on December 22, 2010. Staff was unaware of any scheduled meeting. Council Member Long commented on

Ms. Trego's reporting about criminal activities on the school campus and that the administration was in denial. She said that Board Member Ramsey had really stepped up to the plate and it is up to the community to contact the school district representatives asking for the same tools that are offered to the other schools. She said that a meeting was needed with the District to continue the discussion regarding installation of cameras that can also be used when the new school is built.

Mayor Pro Tem Murray asked for a routine SRO update also.

Mayor Swearingen advised Council he was contacted by Channel 7 for an article on the cameras.

Council Member Banuelos reported that he would be happy to continue attending the school safety meetings. Supervisor Uilkema's Office contacted him and said that Norma Martinez Rubin was chosen as their representative on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, with Russ Tolman as the first alternate and George Parsons as the second alternate. He reported on the PVH Safety Committee meeting that Ramsey said that if money is spent on cameras, something else would be deducted.

**Jeff Rubin**, Pinole citizen, reported he has been to numerous Site Selection Committee meetings where Board Member Ramsey has reported that Pinole Valley High would come in under budget so he does not understand what the concern is about putting cameras in now and then installing new cameras in the new school. He asked Council to stay firm on this issue.

**Cindy Trego**, Pinole citizen, reported that Chief Clancy said it was not difficult to install wireless with feeds into dispatch. She also listed the incidents at the school in the last several months.

Council Member Long asked the Site Section committee to consider installation of native plants with thorns.

Council Member Green asked when they would conduct the Community Service Commission interviews. Ms. Athenour responded that she would confirm a date acceptable to him and Mayor Swearingen as the interview subcommittee following the furlough, and would contact the applicants.

Mr. Green asked whether the solar subcommittee meetings were open meetings. Staff explained that they were informal adhoc subcommittee, not a standing committee that has noticing and open meeting requirements.

Mayor Swearingen raised the subject of the Mayor's Conference appointment to LAFCO, and solicited Council input to him as the voting member. The three contenders were Don Tasdin from Lafayette, Tom Butt from Richmond, and Bob Taylor from Brentwood. Council members Long and Murray supported Don Tasdin. Council Member Banuelos agreed. Green thought a West County appointee may have benefits.

Mayor Swearingen said that Don Tasdin had been an alternate and it would be a smooth transition and provide ongoing continuity. There was Council concurrence to direct Mayor Swearingen to cast his vote for Tasdin.

#### D. Council Requests For Future Agenda Items

1. Update on the SRO Programs at the PVH and Pinole Middle (Banuelos)
2. Request from WCCUSD (Ramsey) for a discussion on the district bond waiver (Banuelos)

Espinosa said she would try to schedule them together. Swearingen suggested a separate meeting.

E. City Manager / Executive Director Report / Department Staff

City Manager Espinosa had no report.

F. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Benjamin Reyes had no report.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** to the Regular

At 10:50 p.m., Mayor Swearingen adjourned the Regular Redevelopment Agency/City Council Meeting to the meeting of January 18, 2011 and in memory of the fallen US Armed Service members and Pinole citizen Amber Swartz.

**Submitted by:**

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**Patricia Athenour, MMC**  
**City Clerk**

**APPROVED BY AGENCY BOARD / CITY COUNCIL:**