

ARCATA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JANUARY 16, 2008

A regular meeting of the Arcata City Council was held on the above date at 6:09 p.m. with Mayor Wheatley presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on January 11, 2008. **PRESENT:** Wheatley, Stillman, Machi, Groves, Pitino. **ABSENT:** None. **STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Hackett, City Attorney Diamond, Chief of Police Mendosa, Director of Community Development Oetker, Director of Public Works Class, Director of Environmental Services André, Deputy Director of Environmental Services K. Diemer.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS—A. Introduce New Employees: 1. Nicholas Courtney, Wastewater Maintenance Worker; 2. Justin Bixby, Maintenance Worker (Buildings/Parks); and 3) Morgan Kessler, Deputy Director of Public Works/Assistant City Engineer. Director of Public Works Class introduced new employees Nicholas Courtney, Justin Bixby, and Morgan Kessler.

B. Certificate of Appreciation Presented to John Schwabe for His Outstanding Volunteer Contributions to the City of Arcata. Mayor Wheatley read the Certificate of Appreciation.

C. Presentation of Lifesaving Award to Sergeant David J. Brown. Chief of Police Mendosa relayed the details of the incident wherein Dave Brown saved the life of Arcata citizen Matt Niclai who was stabbed multiple times on October 12, 1985.

To help express his and his family's appreciation for Sgt. Brown's actions, Mr. Niclai presented Sgt. Brown with a gift certificate to the Sunset Restaurant.

Mayor Wheatley presented Sgt. Brown with the Lifesaving Award Certificate.

Chief Mendosa pinned the Lifesaving Award medal onto Sgt. Brown's uniform jacket.

Sgt. Brown said the actions in 1985 were a team effort and he works with a great team in Arcata.

D. Proclamation Designating January 10, 2008, as the Kick-Off for the City of Arcata's 150th Anniversary. Councilmember Stillman read the proclamation and presented it to Jenny Bowen of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce.

E. Proclamation in Memory of Archie Bernardi, Former Arcata Fire Chief. Councilmember Machi read the proclamation in memory of Archie C. Bernardi, and presented it to Fire Chief McFarland.

Former Fire Chief White thanked the Council for the recognition of Archie Bernardi.

REPORT BY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE—A. Presentation of Annual Report from Design Review Commission. Ray Nelson, Chairperson of the Design Review Commission, appeared before the Council and gave a brief summary of the work the Commission has been doing over the past year.

B. Presentation of Final Report and Recommendations from the 2007/2008 Utility Users Tax Task Force. Rob Amerman, Chairperson of the Utility Users Tax Task Force gave the Task Force's final report to the Council.

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS—A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION Per Government Code Section 54956.9(a) Petition of City of Arcata (Administrative Civil Liability Order No. R1-2006-0054) California Regional Water Quality Control Board v. City of Arcata. Mayor Wheatley reported that the Council reviewed the outcome of the meeting before the State Water Board and discussed existing litigation and strategies.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes: Regular City Council Meeting of December 19, 2007
- B. Bi-Weekly Report on General Warrants
- C. Quarterly Report on Moneys and Investments for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2007
- D. Accept Resignation from Moshé Krafchow and Declare Vacancy on the Energy Committee
- E. Reappoint Jeffrey Schwartz to the Economic Development Committee for Term Ending January 31, 2011
- F. Approve the Agreement Between the City of Arcata and O'Connor and Associates for Construction, Maintenance, and Management of a Ropes Course Facility in Redwood Park
- G. Approve City Support of the Godwit Days Festival 2008
- H. Award of Bid for Foster Avenue Environmental Consultant

Councilmember Stillman requested item G. *Approve City Support of the Godwit Days Festival 2008*, be removed for discussion.

ON MOTION BY STILLMAN, SECONDED BY PITINO, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM G. APPROVE CITY SUPPORT OF THE GODWIT DAYS FESTIVAL 2008. AYES: WHEETLEY, STILLMAN, MACHI, GROVES, PITINO. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

G. Approve City Support of the Godwit Days Festival 2008. Councilmember Stillman recused herself from the discussion and vote on this item because she sits on the Board of the Godwit Days Festival.

On the advice of City Attorney Diamond, Councilmember Stillman did not leave the Council Chambers.

ON MOTION BY GROVES, SECONDED BY PITINO, AND WITH A 4 TO 0 VOICE VOTE THE COUNCIL APPROVED CITY SUPPORT OF THE GODWIT DAYS FESTIVAL 2008. AYES: WHEETLEY, MACHI, GROVES, PITINO. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

RECESS: The Council recessed from 7:00 to 7:10 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS—A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 078-30—Establishing City Policy for New Continuous-Routine Video Security Policy and Implementation. Chief Mendosa recommended the Council adopt Resolution No. 078-30, provide staff with direction and authorize staff to implement an appropriate continuous-routine video security system for the exterior area around City Hall and the library, to include public parking areas; provide staff with direction and authorize staff to implement an appropriate continuous-routine video security system for the Arcata Plaza; for purposes of showcasing the area and to promote tourism, authorize the City Manager to approve, when appropriate, live video streaming of the Arcata Plaza through the City website; and provide staff with direction and authorize staff to implement an appropriate continuous-routine video security system for the area outside the Arcata Community Center, contingent on available grant funding. Chief Mendosa said the reason this is being brought forward is that the Plaza is a very high-use park so there are a lot of problems there. Forty percent of the Police calls and fifty percent of the arrests in the City occur on the Plaza. He stated that City Hall is a high-use building and there have been several incidents of vandalism and such. He noted the California Research Bureau has a lot of detail on video security systems and their data suggests that video surveillance is helpful in reducing crime and catching those committing crimes. He explained that the City Hall and Plaza systems would come from grant funds or asset forfeiture funds. He noted he doesn't see the Community Center as a Police priority, even though there have been incidents of crime there that have cost the City thousands of dollars.

Councilmember Stillman recused herself from the discussion and vote on this item.

At the request of Councilmember Machi, Chief Mendosa read the draft policy for the benefit of the audience.

Councilmember Groves stated that she believes paragraph 4.0-1. *Specific authorization must be obtained from the City Manager prior to installation of continuous-routine video security systems in or near City-owned buildings and parks;* and paragraph 6.0-1. *Locating new installations of continuous recording video cameras for routine security purposes at City-owned buildings, public parks, or other public locations must be approved by the City Council on a site-by-site basis,* are in conflict because one gives authority to the City Manager and one gives authority to the City Council.

Chief Mendosa agreed with Councilperson Groves's observation.

Councilmember Groves said her preference is to have the City Council have the sole authority to approve placement of cameras, and not the City Manager.

Chief Mendosa suggested striking paragraph 4.0-1, to which the Council agreed.

Councilmember Stillman left the Council Chambers.

Mayor Wheatley invited public comment.

Chuck Giannini, a business owner in Valley West, appeared before the Council and said he supports this as being a tool for the Police Department. He said he would like to see video surveillance used in

a lot of different areas. He surmised that if there had been a camera in the back parking lot in Valley West, it could have solved the case of the homeless man who was beaten.

Aaron Olstrom, Manager of the Outdoor Store and Boardmember of Arcata Mainstreet, appeared before the Council and said that both the Outdoor Store and Arcata Mainstreet are in support of installing security cameras on the Plaza.

Jeff Nagan, co-owner of Arcata Liquors, appeared before the Council and announced he is definitely in favor of the installation of cameras on the Plaza.

Greg Allen, Attorney representing the American Civil Liberties Union, appeared before the Council and said he has no problems with cameras on City buildings and in City areas. His problem is with a camera on the Plaza. He suspects most of the arrests on the Plaza are alcohol related. He said the bars on the Plaza need to take a greater responsibility for this and perhaps should have their own cameras. He said the studies he knows of, which were done in London, Scotland, New York City, and Maryland showed the cameras didn't do any good at all. He suggested more lighting would be helpful. He understands the cost of an officer is more than the cost of a camera, however, studies have shown that having an officer on the street does more good in preventing crime. He stated the Privacy Act provides safeguards against intrusions into people's right to privacy. He thinks that cameras on the Plaza are inappropriate and inconsistent with people's right to privacy.

Sara Sunstein appeared before the Council and said she is concerned about having cameras on the Plaza. He stated that the Plaza is a public place and she doesn't want her picture on the website without knowing about it.

Joe Nagan, co-owner of Arcata Liquors, appeared before the Council and said he has spoken with the owners of other small businesses and they think a video camera on the Plaza would be a plus; the more security, the better. He recommended both the security cameras and video streaming as long as they don't invade the privacy of citizens.

Jason Robo, a member of the 9/11 Truth Club Chapter at HSU, appeared before the Council and said that putting cameras up will make crime shift to areas where there aren't cameras. He asked if license plate fingerprinting will be part of this software. He asked if there is any grant coming from FEMA for this. He said that crime can be reduced by people getting to know each other, being on the lookout, and helping each other. He definitely feels a camera would be an invasion of privacy.

Lisa Slack, the owner of property around the Plaza, appeared before the Council and said she feels the situation on the Plaza has reached a level that is unacceptable. She gets daily calls from her tenants because the buildings are being damaged and people are getting injured. She noted that unless a person is doing something wrong, they shouldn't have any objection to being on camera. She said the businesses on the Plaza would appreciate the help.

Karen Orsolics, owner of Prudential Redwood Realty, appeared before the Council and said there is new graffiti at her business weekly, human excrement continuously, a mattress has been behind the business for over a week, and there is a garbage pile in the back where a man was stabbed. She said she has owned this business for five years and the situation has only gotten worse.

Taffy Stockton, Arcata Main Street, appeared before the Council and said that having video streaming over the internet would do wonders for the marketing of Arcata. She said that Arcata Main Street is in favor of having cameras on the Plaza.

Dennis Shaunnessy, a resident of Arcata, appeared before the Council and said that the cameras will invade people's privacy. He said that Arcata needs more people to work to clean up the Plaza.

Dave Meserve, a resident of Arcata, appeared before the Council and noted that most of the arrests on the Plaza have to do with the bars and that is why a barstool tax to fund a Plaza officer is a better idea than a camera. When cameras are installed, crime just moves around the corner. He said that a bathroom on the Plaza would solve the feces problem. He said that Plaza business owners do not run this town and it is not up to them to decide this.

Matt Babich, who works on the Plaza, appeared before the Council and said that the issues for the businesses range from property damage, to feces, to graffiti. He said that some businesses already have cameras outside their buildings, and he is considering putting one on his business. He encouraged the Council to take this opportunity to provide guidance and leadership regarding the camera issue. He encouraged the Council to adopt the proposed resolution. He said that hiring more officers would be great, but there isn't money to do that.

RECESS: The Council recessed from 7:54 to 8:03 p.m.

Councilmember Pitino said he is encouraged by all the private business owners who want cameras, and said they should install them on their businesses.

Councilmember Groves said the City needs to support the Police Department more. She said thinks the criminals will just move off the Plaza if cameras are installed. She stated that at this time she prefers a Police Department that is out in the community and would prefer to give her support to funding the Police Department.

Councilmember Machi said the situation on the Plaza is extraordinary and people should be able to feel safe in public. He said the cameras will certainly catch some crime on the Plaza and could give the Police Department leads in cases. He said cameras may not work in other places, but the extraordinary number of incidents on the Plaza call for some action. He recommended the cameras be installed on a three-year trial basis. He would like to proceed forward with this with cameras on City Hall and the Plaza, for security reasons.

Mayor Wheatley said the Supreme Court has spoken that there is no presumption of privacy in public places. He said this is a cost-effective tool for the Police Department and a pilot program will tell how effective it is. It is incumbent upon the Council to be responsible and do what it can to enhance public safety.

Chief Mendosa amended his recommendation no. 3 to add the word "security" after "continuous-routine video." He noted the omission of the word "security" was a typographical error.

GROVES MOVED AND PITINO SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO IMPLEMENT AN APPROPRIATE CONTINUOUS-ROUTINE VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE EXTERIOR AREA AROUND CITY HALL AND THE LIBRARY, TO INCLUDE PUBLIC PARKING AREAS.

On inquiry by Councilmember Machi, Councilmember Groves said she wants to take all references to open space out of the policy.

THE MOTION PASSED ON A 4 TO 0 VOICE VOTE. AYES: WHEETLEY, MACHI, GROVES, PITINO. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

GROVES MOVED AND PITINO SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO IMPLEMENT AN APPROPRIATE CONTINUOUS-ROUTINE VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE AREA OUTSIDE OF THE ARCATA COMMUNITY CENTER.

Chief Mendosa reminded the Council that the Police Department does not have funding for a video system at the Community Center and it will probably have to be purchased through a grant.

GROVES AMENDED THE MOTION, AND PITINO SECONDED THE AMENDMENT, TO ADD THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTINUOUS-ROUTINE VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE ARCATA COMMUNITY CENTER IS CONTINGENT UPON FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

THE MOTION, AS AMENDED, PASSED ON A 4 TO 0 VOICE VOTE. AYES: WHEETLEY, MACHI, GROVES, PITINO. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

Chief Mendosa said he hopes the camera at the Community Center will be installed and maintained by a department other than the Police Department.

Mayor Wheatley noted that parks throughout the state have cameras. He said cameras would be very helpful as an investigative tool and could also be helpful in clearing people of crimes. He said the Council is discussing the Plaza because of the high rate of crime there compared to other parks in the City.

Councilmember Groves said she is concerned about vandalism to the cameras if they are installed on the Plaza as she feels they would be heavily vandalized. She feels there is a need to find other ways to deal with the problems on the Plaza and suggested that homeless services be improved. She said that the policy is fine with her as long as any references to "parks" and "open space" are deleted.

Councilmember Machi said the problems on the Plaza exist and are increasing. Even the foot patrol hasn't cured the problem. He stressed that a security camera system would be a tool to allow the Police Department to do more with less.

Councilmember Pitino pointed out that the cameras at the Intermodal Transit Center are all trashed, and he doesn't want to put an expensive video system on the Plaza just to pay for it over and over again. He said another cop on the Plaza would be much more effective.

GROVES MOVED TO ADOPT THE CITY POLICY FOR CONTINUOUS-ROUTINE VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PARKING LOTS, STRIKE PARAGRAPH 4.0-1, ANY REFERENCES TO PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN THE DEFINITION . . .

At this point, City Attorney Diamond interrupted and advised the Council that it needs to adopt the Policy through Resolution No. 078-30.

GROVES WITHDREW THE MOTION.

GROVES MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 078-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA ADOPTING A VIDEO SECURITY POLICY, STRIKE THE FIRST "WHEREAS" PARAGRAPH; AND RE-WORD THE SECOND "WHEREAS" PARAGRAPH TO READ: *WHEREAS, VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEMS ACT AS A DETERRENT TO CRIME AND ALSO PROVIDE AN INVESTIGATIVE TOOL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HELP SOLVE WHAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN "NO LEAD" CRIMES. THE PURPOSE OF THE ATTACHED POLICY IS TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR CONTINUOUS-ROUTINE VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS WHICH COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAW AND DO NOT VIOLATE PUBLIC TRUST; AMEND THE POLICY BY STRIKING THE WORDS AND PHRASES "PARKS" FROM THE SUBJECT LINE, "PARKS AND OPEN SPACES" FROM PARAGRAPH 3.0 DEFINITION, "AND PARKS" FROM PARAGRAPH 2.0 PURPOSE, "CITY-OWNED PARKS" FROM PARAGRAPH 5.0-1 PUBLIC ACCESS, "PUBLIC PARKS OR OTHER PUBLIC LOCATIONS" FROM PARAGRAPH 6.0 APPROVAL OF CONTINUOUS-ROUTINE SECURITY VIDEO, AND THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH 4.0-1 POLICY.*

PITINO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mayor Wheatley said he thinks the first "Whereas" paragraph should be kept in the resolution.

GROVES AMENDED THE MOTION TO RETAIN THE FIRST "WHEREAS" PARAGRAPH IN RESOLUTION NO. 078-30 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PHRASE "AT HIGH USE CITY PARKS" WHICH WILL BE REPLACED WITH THE WORD "WHICH."

THE MOTION PASSED ON A 4 TO 0 VOICE VOTE. AYES: WHEETLEY, MACHI, GROVES, PITINO. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

Councilmember Stillman returned to the Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS—A. Appoint Member to the Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Committee for Term Expiring January 31, 2011. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL POSTPONED THIS ITEM TO A FUTURE MEETING AFTER THE APPLICANT'S RESIDENCY AND ELIGIBILITY ARE CONFIRMED.

B. Review Resolution No. 067-11—Schedule for Council’s Annual Study Sessions with Commissions and Committees and Consider Consolidating. City Manager Hackett stated staff recommends the City Council review and discuss Resolution No. 067-11; consider whether or not to consolidate study session meeting dates; and, should the Council choose to change the schedule, direct staff to incorporate the Council’s revisions into a resolution for consideration at the February 6, 2008, City Council meeting. He said that the Department Heads recommend the Council group the study sessions of similar committees by department, rather than by committee.

Councilmember Groves recommended keeping the Planning Commission and Design Review Commission study sessions separate because those commissions deal with complex issues; then consolidate the other committees’ and commissions’ study session dates.

The Council discussed consolidating the study sessions of committees and commissions that have like purposes or areas of focus.

City Manager Hackett said the Department Heads would like the opportunity to recommend to the Council which committees’/commissions’ study sessions should or could be combined.

ON MOTION BY GROVES, SECONDED BY MACHI, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO INCORPORATE THE COUNCIL’S RECOMMENDATION OF CONSOLIDATING STUDY SESSION MEETINGS WITH COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES THAT HAVE LIKE PURPOSES OR AREAS OF FOCUS, INTO A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS FEBRUARY 6, 2008, CITY COUNCIL MEETING. AYES: WHEETLEY, STILLMAN, MACHI, GROVES, PITINO. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

C. Consider Councilmember Assignments to Regional Boards, Commissions and Committees, and Liaison Appointments for 2008. City Manager Hackett recommended the Council consider the list of regional boards, commissions, committees, and liaison appointments to determine whether to continue Council representation; review draft recommendations; and determine assignments and make appointments. He noted that City Council representatives are responsible for attending meetings, providing necessary data, and reporting back to the Council. He stressed that all recommendations made by the Council liaison to the organization represent direction from the majority of the City Council, not individual Councilmembers.

MACHI MOVED AND PITINO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE COUNCILMEMBERS’ BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS AS FOLLOWS: *BOARDS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:*

MAYOR WHEETLEY—HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, AND HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT--WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE.

COUNCILMEMBER STILLMAN—REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (ALTERNATE), REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY (ALTERNATE), AND INDIAN GAMING FUND COMMITTEE (ALTERNATE).

COUNCILMEMBER MACHI—HUMBOLDT-DEL NORTE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE JPA, AND HUMBOLDT WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

COUNCILMEMBER GROVES—HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY (ALTERNATE), HUMBOLDT WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (ALTERNATE), REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY, AND INDIAN GAMING FUND COMMITTEE.

COUNCILMEMBER PITINO—HUMBOLDT-DEL NORTE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE JPA (ALTERNATE), HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY, REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ALTERNATE), HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT-WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE (ALTERNATE).

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

HSU/CITY LIAISONS—MAYOR WHEETLEY AND CITY MANAGER HACKETT.

ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—COUNCILMEMBER STILLMAN.

ARCATA DOWNTOWN BUSINESS COMMUNITY-MAINSTREET—COUNCILMEMBER GROVES.

ARCATA HOUSE—COUNCILMEMBER MACHI.

ARCATA ENDEAVOR—COUNCILMEMBER GROVES, COUNCILMEMBER PITINO (ALTERNATE).

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE—COUNCILMEMBER PITINO.

STILLMAN AMENDED THE MOTION TO CORRECT THE LIST TO SHOW THAT THE ENERGY AUTHORITY DOES NOT MEET MONTHLY.

MACHI AND PITINO ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED ON A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. AYES: WHEETLEY, STILLMAN, MACHI, GROVES, PITINO. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Donn Filbert, a resident of Parkway Apartments, appeared before the Council and stated he is outraged that the Design Review Commission made a decision to try to force the owners of Parkway Apartments to replace over 200 already-installed thermopane windows with idiotic patio doors. He hopes the Council will uproot and throw out this decision. He recommended the Plaza business owners hire their own rent-a-cops. He said the Facia Improvement Grant program needs to go. Finally, he asked who is responsible for the atrocious trimming of the Acacia tree by the Seventh Street bridge.

Carey appeared before the Council to talk about the base rate for the water and sewer. She said she lives in a one-bedroom apartment, doesn't use much water, and still her base rate is \$38 a month.

Mayor Wheatley closed the public comment period.

Director of Public Works Class responded that it is very expensive to supply water and sewer services, and that, by law, the City cannot offer customers a discount.

Councilmember Pitino suggested that maybe the City needs to consider having a base rate that is tiered.

Councilmember Groves agreed that a tiered base rate could make sense.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS—A. Update on Public Works Projects by Doby Class, Director of Public Works. Director of Public Works Class reported that the Samoa Gateway Project will need a full coastal development permit. He said that no work has been done this fall/winter and the project may not be completed this year.

Director Class reported that the Safe Routes to Schools projects are all done at this point and the City has applied for a new grant.

Regarding the Sunny Brae infiltration/inflow situation, Director Class said the City will be initiating a \$900,000 improvement project.

He reported that the City may use CDBG monies or the state revolving fund for the Meadowbrook Lift Station.

Regarding the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Director Class said the City will be putting approximately \$700,000 of STIP funds into the Foster Avenue project.

Director Class said that the City will be doing a project study report on the Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation Project and then applying for funding to build the project. He said the project does not include sidewalks or anything that would change the look and feel of the Bayside community.

Director Class said the City will be working on railroad crossings this spring to make them safer for bicyclists and vehicles.

Director Class reported on the FEMA repair project for the oxidation pond and Klopp Lake. He is proposing to put this job out to bid for a consultant to prepare the plans and do the engineering design.

Regarding Redwood Park, Director Class said the City will be removing the concrete by Redwood Lodge and replacing it with all new surfaces and drainage improvements.

In regard to park improvements, Director Class said the Janes Creek Meadows Subdivision group is working on the park and the City will soon be ordering the equipment. He said the park will most likely be built using in-house staff.

Director Class reported the water line replacement work is in winter suspension.

Director Class said the roadway and lift station at Bayside Farm is completed and the City is waiting for PG&E service in that area to run the sanitary sewer pumps. He said discussions are ongoing regarding where to place a generator or if there even needs to be one.

Director Class said that interim corrective actions to address the Administrative Civil Liability action have been installed and have been working fine at the Pickwick Apartments. He said crews will install another overflow pipe at a manhole on Samoa Boulevard.

Director Class reported that the City has an encroachment permit for 2-3 manholes on Highway 101 where the sewer line comes down from north town. He said there is a grease problem in that area and the City needs manholes in order to access the line.

Finally, Director Class said the advanced hydraulics class at HSU did a drainage study for West End Road. He said the log jam the City installed has improved the drainage in that area and has made all the difference in the world. He noted Director of Environmental Services André is trying to obtain funding for a fish passage enhancement project.

B. Update on Police Department Projects by Randy Mendosa, Chief of Police. Chief Mendosa said the Mobile Command Vehicle has been generously donated to the City by the Marin County Board of Supervisors. He said the vehicle will function as the City's Emergency Operations Center until the City has a permanent building. Chief Mendosa reported that the City has had a lot of successes with other emergency preparedness activities such as using Indian Gaming grant funds to purchase a new generator for City Hall.

Chief Mendosa announced that the *Living Along the Fault Line* course put on by the American Red Cross at the Community Center was a success and the course will be repeated.

Chief Mendosa reported that the Orva Mae Emmerson Trust has included the Arcata Police Department as an eligible recipient for funds. He said Mrs. Emmerson left her estate to the Humboldt Area Foundation to be distributed to four groups including the Arcata Police Department, the Arcata Fire Department, heart research and arthritis research. He said the money can only be used for special projects—not for personnel, and not for dogs.

Chief Mendosa announced that at the next City Council meeting, the Police Department will be retiring its canine, Eddie. He said that Ginger Campbell of AARP is interested in raising funds to replace Eddie, and a Canine Trust Fund is already in place.

Chief Mendosa reported on staff shortages saying the Department has three dispatcher openings it is trying to fill and has one officer in the Police Academy.

Director of Environmental Services André announced the Eighth Annual Bowl of Beans Benefit will take place Monday, January 21, 2008, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center. The Benefit celebrates the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the money benefits local youth programs.

City Manager Hackett reported he will be meeting with the HSU Liaison Committee Thursday, January 24, 2008, and that same day will meet with other City Managers and the County Administrative Officer.

Councilmember Pitino announced he is the new Chairperson of the Humboldt Transit Authority board.

Councilmember Stillman reported on recent projects of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority. She requested the Council include on a future agenda a discussion of medical marijuana grows and clinics in the Central Business District. Finally, Councilmember Stillman reported that College of the

Redwoods plans to remove and replace some of its buildings, and there will be a hearing for public input.

Councilmember Machi reported he attended a meeting of the Arcata House Board of Directors, a meeting of the Humboldt Waste Management Authority, and the recent CEQA training.

Councilmember Groves reported she attended the CEQA training, the 150th Anniversary Kick-Off at the Chamber of Commerce, met with the ladies putting on *Take Back the Night*, and attended a study session with the Transportation Safety Committee. She said she will be attending the *Bowl of Beans* benefit.

Councilmember Stillman reported that Arcata's Economic Development Committee passed a motion in support of the City working closely with the Humboldt Flakeboard plant to make things work out.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS—SET DATES—A. Schedule Study Session to Discuss Special Sales Tax measure Strategic Planning; Research of the Measure's Objectives, Scope of Work & Timeline, and Establish a Task Force. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED IT WILL HOLD A STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS SPECIAL SALES TAX MEASURE STRATEGIC PLANNING, ETC., ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008, AT 5:30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

B. Set Date in March for Study Session with the Forest Management Committee. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO WAIT AND SEE IF THIS STUDY SESSION WILL BE COMBINED WITH ANOTHER STUDY SESSION.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS—A. Study Session to Review the Draft Land Use Code Articles 4 & 7, 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 28, 2008, in the Council Chambers. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE SCHEDULING OF A STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW DRAFT LAND USE CODE ARTICLES 4 AND 7 AT 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

B. Study Session to Discuss Solid Waste Issues, Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE SCHEDULING OF A STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS SOLID WASTE ISSUES ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

C. Annual Study Session with Economic Development Committee, February 11, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Community Center. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE SCHEDULING OF A STUDY SESSION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008, AT 5:00 P.M., IN THE ARTS AND CRAFTS ROOM AT THE ARCATA COMMUNITY CENTER.

D. Joint Study Session with Planning Commission and Humboldt County Planning Staff to Discuss Alternative Land Use Maps for the County's General Plan, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2008, in the Council Chambers. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE SCHEDULING OF A STUDY SESSION WITH THE PLANNING

COMMISSION AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING STAFF FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

E. Annual Study Session with the Parks and Recreation Committee, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Arcata Community Center. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE SETTING OF A STUDY SESSION WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AT 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008, IN THE ARTS AND CRAFTS ROOM AT THE ARCATA COMMUNITY CENTER.

F. Study Session to Review the Draft Land Use Code, Articles 3, 6, and 8, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2008, in the Council Chambers. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS, THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED IT WILL HOLD A STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT LAND USE CODE, ARTICLES 3, 6, AND 8, AT 6:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Dory
Deputy City Clerk