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Designing a new City Hall

Belmont Council, Planning Commission narrow down choices

By Amy Yarbrough
Staff Reporter

There was a wealth of entries but no clear winner last week, when Belmont city officials eyed different design prospects for a new front door to City Hall.

The city hosted a joint meeting of its City Council and Planning Commission to decide on a general design scheme for the new entryway of the building – part of a \$9.7 million upgrade and retrofit planned for City Hall. Officials had hoped to nudge the project, which

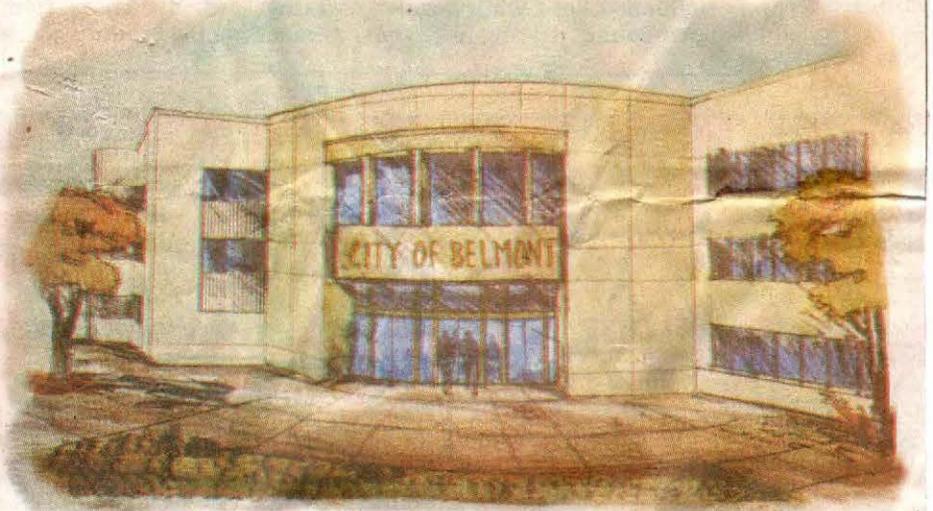
had stagnated because members of the two groups seemed to be taking different directions on its design.

“Every community is different and it has its own grain, so what we’ve been searching for is ‘what is the grain of that building?’” explained C.J.

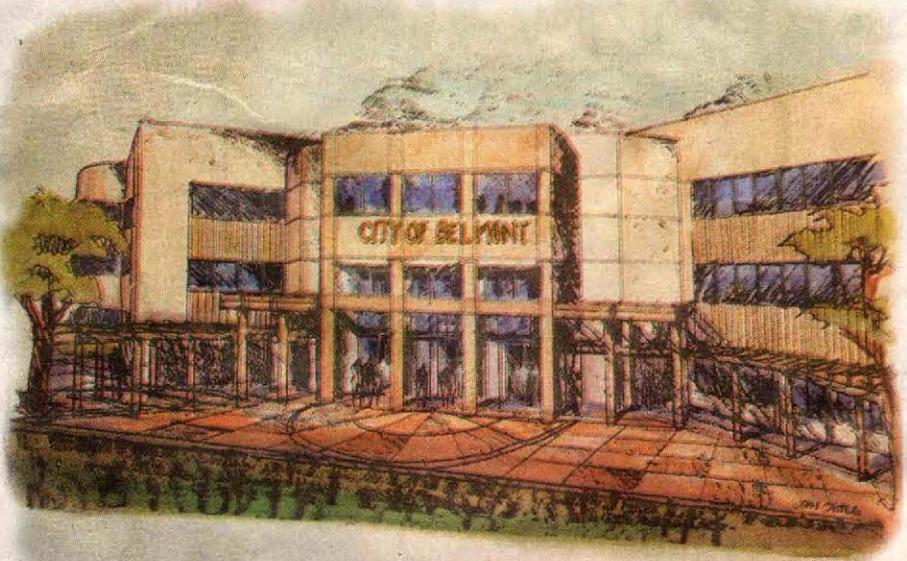
Kamages of Ekona Architecture, the architects on the project. Kamages presented a number of sketches – variations on squared, curved and round entryways – which had grown out of several independent meetings with both groups.

“All these are is a litmus test,” he said, “because some people like Mercedes and some people like Cadillacs and some people like Volkswagens.”

Project architects have explained that the city’s new, relocated entryway will act as a wedge between the



Pictured above and below, are the final two artists' renderings from Ekona Architects for the new design of the Belmont City Hall and government center. The council chose these two designs from several different options given at a recent meeting.



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L-shaped portion of the seismically unstable building, preventing it from buckling in the event of an earthquake. Belmont's police department has also outgrown their cramped and aging facilities in nearby Twin Pines Park, officials stressed, and are eager for their new digs planned for the first and second floors of City Hall.

The city will be doing limited redecorating, though, because there are currently no funds in the city's budget to redo the entire exterior of the wood and stucco-sided structure, a former office building.

Any of the options could technically fit the building and work seismically, but architects say a

decision must be made on a general shape of the entry so they can begin to work on redesigning the building's interior.

Councilmembers and commissioners didn't reach a consensus on the design scheme at the recent meeting — six preferring the square and four preferring the rounded entry — and asked the architect to come back to a future City Council meeting with photo renderings.

"Regardless of what went on prior, I think that what brought us to this point is that the council had some concerns that the design had changed so dramatically from what we had originally seen," said Vice Mayor Eleanore Hahn.

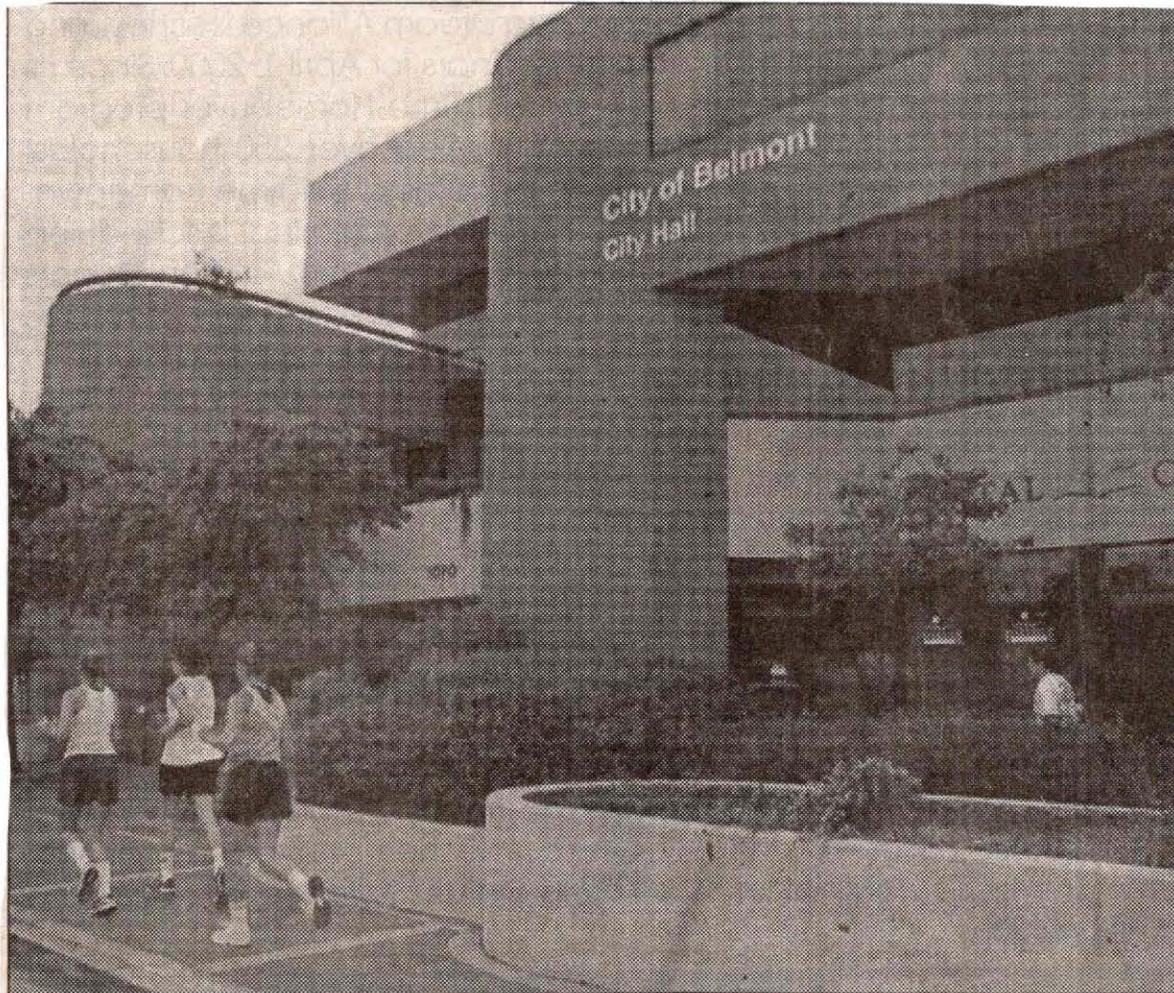
Planning Commission Chair

Kenn Parsons said there had been too many hands and no clear leader on the project.

"It went from council as a client to staff to us and everybody's kind of at a hands distance from the project. That's why we've got 15 proposals or whatever here," Parsons said, before the group agreed the City Council should take the helm on the project.

City Manager Susan Westman emphasized that the project needs to progress.

"This is a very important project for the police department," she said. "It's been raining this weekend and if you go in there, there are garbage cans that water is dripping in. At some point we need to figure out some system that will allow us to go forward."



SUSAN GARRISON

The current City Hall will be replaced along with Police headquarters due to needed seismic upgrades and lack of space.



SUSAN GARRISON

The Walgreen Plaza on Ralston Avenue in Belmont is being considered for a new look by the Belmont City Council.

New plans for old plaza

By Amy Yarbrough
Staff Reporter

As part of an overall effort to improve the appearance of downtown, the Belmont Planning Commission met last week to work on recommendations for changes to a block surrounding the Walgreen drug store on Ralston Avenue.

The plans, though tentative, center on increasing landscaping, creating easier street access for drivers, and increasing street side store frontage on the block bordered by El Camino Real, Ralston Avenue, Hill Street and Sixth Avenue. The commission is also looking at ways to incorporate an outdoor plaza into the design, potentially near the street on Ralston.

"There's a lot we can do to make it (look) nicer," said Planning Commissioner Dave Warden, adding that the group is encouraging a plan to bring some retail buildings closer to the street to hide part the large park-

ing lot that is visible in front of Walgreen.

Warden said the group has already held several meetings on the Walgreen block and is incorporating recommendations from a 1997 report by the Downtown Task Force, a group created to assess Belmont's business area. The goal is to eventually present the ideas at planning commission hearings.

Other ideas include maintaining at least the majority of the Walgreen building within the plaza, and adding a new retail building street side next to the Blockbuster video store on Ralston. Plans may necessitate the removal of an auto repair business at Hill Street and El Camino, and the creation of a new retail building in its place.

But with an increase of store space in the block, Warden said the amount of parking spaces for shoppers will undoubtedly diminish — a fact that should not be taken lightly.

"We do need to be aware of the fact

that people are going to need to park here," he said. Warden added that he would like to see the facades of some of the businesses in the Walgreen block changed to mesh with the architecture of nearby businesses such as Safeway and the Innisfree Companies shopping center development being built at El Camino and Ralston.

For Planning Commissioner Gloria Purcell, one of the paramount issues is safe pedestrian access.

"I assume it's going to be important or everyone thinks its important to ... encourage pedestrian traffic to feel like strolling back and forth, between the two corners," said Purcell of the Walgreen block's relation to the Innisfree development.

"In order to do that, we need the friendliest environment possible along Ralston Avenue. If that means a crosswalk or even two crosswalks in the middle of the block, I'm happy with that," she said.

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Belmont's budget: Show me the money

At the first of two public hearings on Belmont's \$47 million budget, City Council on June 13 allocated funding to community groups serving the city of Belmont.

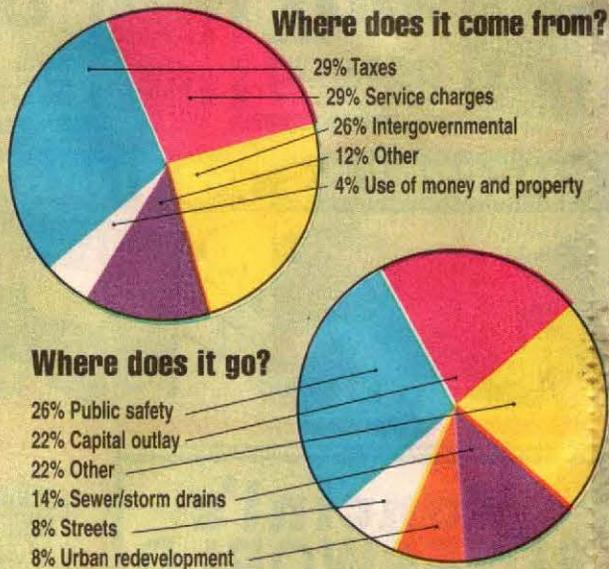
The proposed budget, drafted by city staff, had earmarked \$183,000 for community groups. City Council allotted only \$139,252.

The \$12.1 million general fund, from which community group monies are divvied, proposes expenditures of some \$6 million for public safety, \$2.3 million for recreation and parks, and \$3.9 million for general operations.

Revenues for the general fund, which come largely from taxes on sales and property, are estimated to be \$12.6 million, or about \$500,000 above expenditures.

However, the city projects that over the next five years general fund expenditures will surpass revenues. City revenue is thought to be at a peak now because of the present favorable economy.

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COUNCIL WATCH

Belmont - June 27

Councilmembers in attendance: Mayor Terri Cook, Vice Mayor Eleanor Hahn, Councilmembers Pam Rianda, Dave Warden. Absent: Paul Wright.

- City Council unanimously approved the city budget for the 2000/2001 fiscal year. Council decided to allot funding to the San Mateo Historical Society and more for the San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau, which they had denied at the previous meeting. Council also allotted additional funding to Parks and Recreation.

- Finance Director Thomas Fil presented a modified Master Fee Schedule for the city. The plan modifies city fees for such items as building permits and use of city facilities. The fee plan was presented for public hearing and approved by the council.

- A city ordinance was introduced and endorsed by Police Chief Jim Goulart that would make it illegal for underage persons to ask those 21 and over to buy them alcoholic beverages. Currently, this behavior is not a violation of the law. The ordinance will go before council at the July 11 meeting.

June 27-2000

E-mails reveal city officials in-fighting

Belmont: Recall movement seeks 'smoking gun' in correspondence

By Kurtis Alexander
Staff Reporter

The City of Belmont has some questions. First, why would somebody request a five-pound stack of city e-mails? And secondly, how is the city going to pay the \$7,800 bill for retrieving the stack of email?

Utilizing her legal right to obtain public records, former city councilmember Adele Della-Santina asked the city to provide her all electronic correspondence to former city manager Susan Westman from city officials. The request, fulfilled mid-June, amounted to over 600 pages of email and cost the city almost \$8,000 to have the documents censored by attorneys.

"It was strongly suggested that there might be some important information in the e-mail," said Della-Santina. She said that Westman spoke of correspondence that might incriminate certain city councilmembers. As of Tuesday, June 27, Della-Santina had just begun to review the e-mails and had not reached any conclusions.

"There have been some alleged Brown Act Violations," Della-Santina said. "If there is anything in the e-mail that points to Brown Act Violations, I'm going to make it public."

Commonly known as the Brown Act, the California Open Meetings Law requires decisions by elected officials to be made in public.

Della-Santina alleged that councilmembers Pam Rianda, Eleanore Hahn, and David Warden might have been acting outside the law.

"We've got the Recall Rianda group looking at recalling Rianda, and a lot of citizens want a couple other council people recalled as well," Della-Santina said. "The group is still gathering data on what they [the councilmembers] have done."

Councilmember David Warden has looked at the e-mail. He says there is nothing in the documents that incriminates Rianda, Hahn, or himself.

"There is a perception that most of the council has been overly intrusive in micro managing city government," Warden said. "I think this [the email] will vindicate us, quite frankly."

Councilmember Pam Rianda has also reviewed the e-mail. Acknowledging that she has been accused of many things, Rianda stated that none of the accusations are supported by the e-mail.

"I think she [Della-Santina] was looking for a smoking gun for her recall campaign," Rianda said. "I don't think she found it."

Councilmember Warden shook his head when he spoke of the cost of Della-Santina's request. "The \$7,800 in city attorney time could have been spent on city business. Instead, the city attorney had to

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put all that on hold and spend days going through the stack," Warden said.

At the June 27 City Council meeting, Rianda put forth a request, which was supported by the council, to have city staff look into ways that the city might get compensated for the cost of retrieving the email.

Della-Santina insisted she would have never made the request if she would have known the cost. However, she feels that the city could have controlled costs better.

"I don't know why they [the emails] have to be edited or reviewed. This is public information," Della-Santina said. "Since the Public Information Act came out, the city should have been prepared to release this information. All the information is on a file on the desktop of a computer. All they had to do was hit forward."

By law, certain information such as pending litigation, labor con-

tracts and employee situation must be withheld from the public. Items were censored in the e-mail of all five councilmembers.

"If it's a closed session item, it not to be discussed outside the presence of the rest of the council. That's wrong," Della-Santina countered.

Several differences of opinion between city officials are expressed within the e-mail. Some of these disagreements have not been made public before. The e-mail also revealed different levels of hesitation about expressing issues and different levels of calculation about whether or not the correspondence would become public.

"I'm already seeing evidence of micromanaging," said Della-Santina, referring to a March 14 e-mail that reflects disagreement about city leadership.

The e-mail from Rianda to Westman reads, "You need to take leadership and provide the much

officials in-fighting

needed mentorship of the Planning Department until an interim director can be hired. You need to provide staff leadership... Your fingerprint needs to be on this department... You need to take control."

Pam Rianda defended her e-mail as professional and benign. "It was just business-related," she said.

An August 17, 1999 e-mail, concerning information that Hahn did not receive, reads, "This is unacceptable and will not happen again!! I hope I am being heard this time. City Business should be conducted among the Council, Commissions, and employees first. It is irresponsible and poor judgement... I don't want an excuse, I just want it to stop now."

About half of the total e-mail was from Mayor Teri Cook to Westman. Cook's e-mail tends to express more solidarity with the former city manager.

A November 4, 1999 e-mail from

Cook to Westman reads, "Cora [Feierbach, former mayor] and I were running Belmont. Now you and I can do it. Lead, follow, or get out of the way. There's my motto for the year."

Councilmember Warden said that such correspondence from the mayor set up a divisive situation in City Council. He maintained that by looking at the e-mail, nobody could accuse any one person of the discord in the city government. He said that it was up to the council as a whole to get on with business.

"In retrospect, I'm disappointed to see the November 4 exchange between the former city manager and the mayor," Warden said. "There was a mindset in that e-mail that lasted several months."

Cook said that as mayor she had worked to develop a certain bond with the city manager for the sake of best doing her job.

The 621 pages of e-mail are available to the public for a copying fee.

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Matters Into Own Hands

They came up with a list of spending excesses they wanted curtailed, and started a political backlash that quashed renewal of a parcel tax that traditionally raised one-fourth of the town's budget.

In Belmont, increasingly known for its fractious politics, the city manager resigned in March, unhappy with alleged micromanaging by certain citizens — who happened to be council members.

City Manager Susan Westman told *The Chronicle* earlier this year that some council members were meddling in personnel and other decisions, and that one had even called her "insubordinate" after she promoted an employee against the council member's wishes. Such personnel decisions are outside the authority of the council.

Several city managers on the Peninsula, who agreed to comment on the condition they not be identified, said this type of hands-on involvement is a growing phenomenon.

Some managers say the trend is born of a frustration in seeing the quality of life deteriorate despite the economic boom. That local government has been unable to fix the problems makes the frustration even worse, they say.

Others think it may be part of a demographic shift. As housing becomes more expensive, communities are populated by wealthier executive types who are accustomed to taking matters into their own

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ands.

"People tend to think, 'I know how I would manage that. I ran my company this way,'" said one former city manager. "They were probably very successful at what they do in the private sector and they think, 'There must be something wrong — I could run it better.'"

In Los Altos, resident John Tompane, a former chief executive officer who had never been to a council meeting or negotiated with unions, was drawn into city affairs in part by an article in a local newspaper about police contract problems. He had also seen several teachers resign over management issues at the city's preschool program his daughter attended.

Tompane talked with city employees to gauge their dissatisfaction, and went to the council July 11 asking for a performance review of

the city manager. When the council did not heed his suggestion, he and others hired a consultant with plans to survey city employees anonymously and hand the results to the city manager.

Moss said the council explained to Tompane that the city had already hired a consultant last year to determine whether the public works department was properly managed. A 100-page report showed the organization needed some minor revisions, Moss said, while a similar assessment is planned for the Police Department.

Moss said Rose is taking the heat for the council, which asked him to run a tighter, more disciplined administration. The labor situation is further complicated by the rising cost of living in Silicon Valley, without a matching increase in city revenues to support higher wages and benefits.

"What frustrates me is (citizens) who come in and make demands

and outrageous statements without ever talking to council members to understand the issues beforehand," Moss said.

Rose, Los Altos' city manager, was unavailable for comment.

Tompane's group has not asked its consultant to do the review yet, and ultimately may not, but he defended his actions.

"I guess I went to the wrong civics class," Tompane said. "If nobody will admit there's a problem, I don't see how we can work to solve it."

But one Peninsula city manager warned that such citizen involvement could actually stall negotiations rather than help, because a union could load the surveys with criticisms and use that as political muscle to force the city to give in to its demands.

In Atherton, Kathy McKeithen, one of the group that examined city documents, thinks citizens' hands-on approach — coupled with the hiring of Interim City Manager

Ralph Freedman — has helped bring about many overdue changes.

McKeithen, a lawyer, said that in the past, city officials routinely not return phone calls and council members did not pay attention to speakers at council meetings.

Since the review, council members pay more attention, she said. The interim city manager has more meetings to answer citizens' questions, and staff members return phone calls from the public, among other things.

She acknowledged that she might call her actions meddling, but she views it differently.

"I can't help but feel that what we've done has had a significant impact in how the town is operating and emerging from the past," McKeithen said. "We saw an incredible about-face."

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Belmont joins larger cities for congestion fixing funds

City on short list for traffic aid from grant fund

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

The city of Belmont has made the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's preliminary draft list for a \$170,000 grant towards traffic calming measures on Chula Vista Drive.

The city applied for the grant shortly after City Council approved the neighborhood traffic calming program at their July 25 meeting. The program called for traffic calming measures on Chula Vista Drive and Hastings Drive, which are both used as shortcuts by motorists to avoid the heavy traffic on

main roads like Ralston Avenue and Alameda de Las Pulgas.

"The volume of traffic on Hastings is not as heavy as it is on Chula Vista, so we only got the grant for that route," said Assistant City Engineer Duncan Jones, who also heads the traffic calming task force.

"We were one of the smaller towns to be awarded," said Public Works Manager John Curtis. "I

know bigger cities like Oakland got one, as well as Berkeley, San Francisco, Fremont, Sausalito and Sunnyvale."

Both Curtis and Jones said that it's very hard to fall off the draft list, and there is a very good chance that Belmont will make the final list.

"Once you make the draft list, it's pretty certain that you'll make the final list," added Jones.

Although it probably will not be until October when Belmont finally receives its award, the task force will still hold meetings to consider what kind of measures — such as traffic circles, roundabouts and speed bumps — they will install.

But speed bumps are not an option, as they are prohibited on Chula Vista because it is a designated emergency route.

The draft list went before the mobile source board of the BAAQMD on Sept. 1. There were 33 other projects considered, including ones from the Sonoma and Alameda County Transit Districts, the San Francisco Airport Commission and various school districts.

The task force and City Council will discuss the next steps concerning the award at future council meetings.

City Hall's \$6 million renovation gets underway

Council approves plans, several departments to get temporary offices

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

Belmont City Hall will be getting a facelift beginning next May, as City Council unanimously approved the work, relocation and space plan for the City Hall renovation project at its Aug. 22 meeting.

The project, slated to begin construction on May 8, 2001, is right on schedule according to Public Works Director John Curtis, and will consist of two phases.

The first phase includes relocating the Police Department into

City Hall, making the building meet seismic standards for earthquake designs, and developing a "one-stop" counter where residents can conduct their business with city staff. The second phase of the project includes renovation of the second and third floors, as well as furniture replacement and a covered entry driveway for the police.

Along with renovation, a new main entrance and lobbies for all three floors will be constructed at the rear of the building, facing what is currently the police sta-

tion. The building's existing entrance faces Sixth Street.

"Because we're going to change the front entry, it will bring us to a more campus feel with Twin Pines," said Curtis. "It isn't that way now, but with the Senior Center and the Park and Rec Building and the park and playground, we'll have a more dramatic feel to the area."

The first floor, along with its new library, will house police activities such as traffic, D.A.R.E., juvenile offices and the crime lab. The second floor will house police administration, records and the chief's office, as well as a fitness center and locker rooms for officers. The third floor will be where residents

can locate the mayor, city manager, Public Works and other government offices.

The "one stop" counter will also be located on the third floor in the new lobby, along with the cashier.

In the meantime, city services must continue during the renovation, so city offices will be relocated to minimize noise from construction, dust and problems accessing city offices.

The plan calls for the City Manager, City Clerk, Finance, Human Resources and Technology departments to move to the Lodge Building, and move police administration to the Manor Building.

During construction on City Hall's west wing, Public Works

will move into the Finance department's current location, and during construction of the north wing, Community Development will move to the existing City Clerk, Human Resources and Grade Separation offices.

Phase I should be finished by May 6, 2002. But there are still a few steps to take before construction can begin, according to the staff report draft schedule. The plans still need to be presented to the Planning Commission and

the project must be awarded to a prospective bidder, among other steps.

The total projected cost for the project is \$6,233,513, and once

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finished, City offices and Police offices will all be in the same building.

Funding for the project will come from a \$1 million loan from Oracle DDA, a \$2,230,360 from a 1994 Redevelopment Agency bond and \$2.5 million from the City Variable

Rate Note.

It is uncertain as to what will happen to the current police station once it is vacated in 2002.

"The city will probably tear it down," Curtis said. "That wasn't something they considered at the August 22 meeting, so they may find other uses for it."

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City Council agrees to televise more meetings

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

Belmont residents who enjoy televised City Council meetings and would like more information on city issues will now be able to watch the council's study sessions held just before regular scheduled meetings.

City Council voted 4-1 at the Sept. 26 meeting to televise its 6:30 p.m. study session and hopes to have the first cablecast on Oct. 10.

The idea of cablecasting the study sessions was brought up at the Aug. 22 meeting, because some councilmembers thought that the public should be aware

of the issues council wasn't discussing during regular meetings. Those issues include the fate of the Belmont Theater and Emmett House, and the recent RCN discussion.

Only Vice Mayor Eleanor Hahn was against the cablecasting, stating that she didn't think the public would watch study sessions.

"I think our study sessions are too free-form to be of any value to the public," she told her colleagues. "I've asked people if they watch council on TV, and they've said they don't watch certain parts because they're

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oo long. I really don't think will be a value."

The rest of council didn't mind that study sessions were free-form, and felt that the public would be more interested because of it.

Council was presented with six alternatives: to cablecast study sessions with their current format and varied starting times; to cablecast study sessions with their current format

but have fixed starting times; incorporate study sessions into the regular meetings; move study sessions to another night; eliminate study sessions altogether or postpone cablecasting.

Council elected to go with cablecasting study sessions with current format and have a fixed starting time. With this alternative, study sessions would always start at a set time such as 6:30 p.m., like they do

now. Recently, study sessions have not had set times.

According to the staff report, if a study session ended and there was time before the cablecasting of the regular city council meeting, a message screen could be aired that would give the evening's meeting schedule. Cablecasting the agenda study session could also be considered to provide programming rather than the message screen.

Belmont considers additional utility options

Officials uncertain about resident's reactions to services

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

After making making arrangements to service other peninsula cities like San Mateo, Burlingame and neighboring San Carlos, RCN Corporation - a company that provides phone, cable and Internet service in a "bundle" - may be coming to Belmont.

City Council recommended that RCN discuss certain aspects of setting up their service with local homeowner associations, as councilmembers were concerned with the equipment boxes that would be placed on

various telephone poles around town. "My concern is these 60 boxes," said Councilmember Dave Warden, bringing up the issue. "We don't look like San Mateo, we're more rural. I think these 60 huge boxes would look a little unattractive to some residents."

The "boxes" are RCN's overhead plant - which consists of power supplies, nodes, amplifiers and taps - and will be about 30"x24"x14", serving about 150 homes. Each plant will be placed on a pole every mile, and will not be placed near or on homeowner property.

Sixty of these plants will be on telephone poles, and 30 will be underground.

Councilmember Pam Rianda agreed with Warden, and also urged the idea of underground cabling the entire city, instead of

RCN's proposal to underground where current underground cabling already exists.

"Residents are very sensitive to overhead wires," she told RCN representative Jeff Spiegleman. "I'm sure they'd want underground cabling if they had their wish. I would be very surprised if the community did not bring this up in a public hearing."

She also noted that AT&T had good success with customers by working with homeowners on deciding where to place their power supplies.

But Spiegleman explained that the fastest and most economical way to service the city is to attach the supplies to poles.

"Undergrounding the entire city is not an option for us," said Spiegleman. "It is very burdensome and we could not expend the money needed to perform the procedure."

Installing power supplies underground requires cutting the street open and repaving once construction is finished, another issue that concerned councilmembers.

Mayor Terri Cook suggested RCN bore into the road rather than cut trenches to install cabling, but Spiegleman said there was no way they could bore 30 miles of road.

"It's just a concern to me because I always hear people say 'We've just paved this street and now he's coming in and cutting it up again.' It's like it's always under construction," said Cook.

"I'm just concerned because we've been doing multi-million-dollars worth of road construction, and now we want to come in and repave after we install cable."

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Council recommended that RCN set up a meeting with all homeowner associations before the public hearing on Nov. 14 to gather input on the placing of the power supplies.

When and if the city approves the franchise agreement, RCN is required to complete construction of the cabling within six years. If construction is completed in five years, the term will be extended from the initial term of 11 years to 13, and if completed in four years, the term will be extended to 16.

RCN is also required to provide free

cable and Internet services to over 30 city, county, school and other government agencies in Belmont. They will also provide upstream video connections for the cablecasting of live city council meetings.

Initially, two channels will be provided for Public, Educational, and Governmental Access.

Construction will begin on overhead lines where current lines are, and will go underground where current underground cabling is. They will begin construction of the underground areas later in the six-year period.

Other cities where RCN has offered its services include Millbrae,

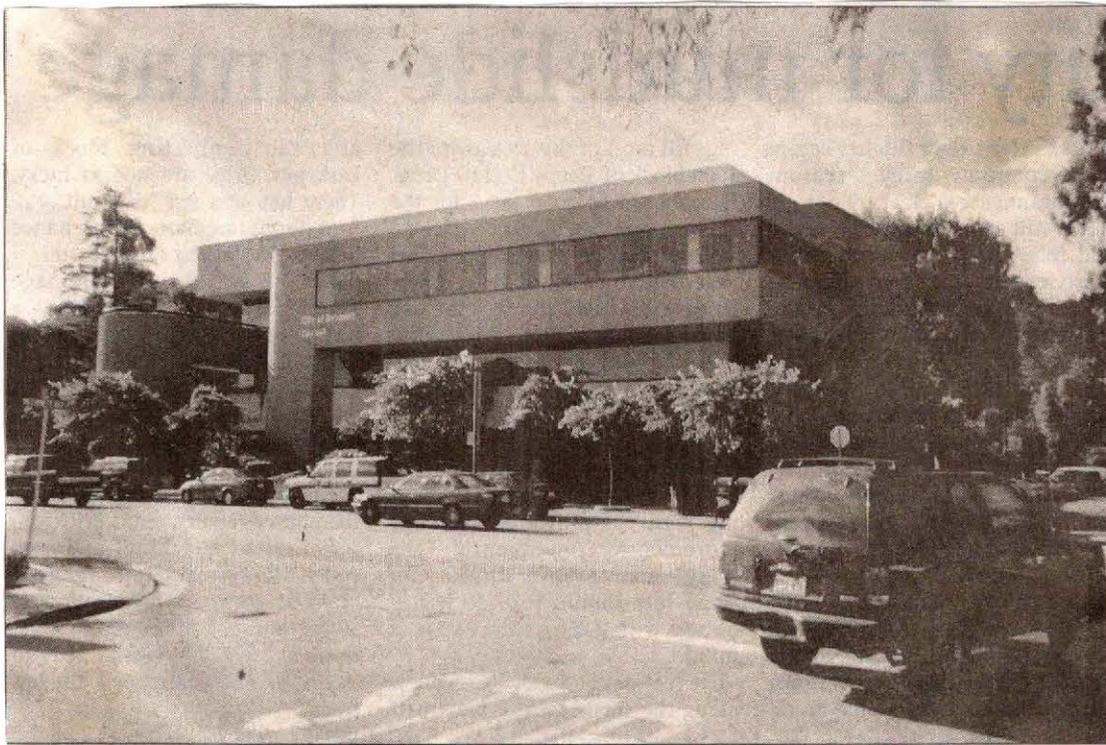
Redwood City and San Francisco. They already operate in South San Francisco and Daly City.

Spiegleman said that the New Jersey-based company is "real world proof that competition is viable,"

and is willing to get homeowner feedback.

The city council will hold a public hearing regarding the franchise agreement at their Nov. 14 meeting.

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Belmont's City Hall is set for remodeling soon.

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removal of 31 spaces, leaving 132 for both city government and the Police Department.

Because city offices must remain open to the public, they will be relocated during the two phases of renovation.

Phase I, which consists of relocat-

ing the Police Department and seismic retrofitting should be completed by May 2002. The total cost is projected to be about \$6,233,513, with funding coming from a \$1 million loan from Oracle, \$2,230,360 from a 1994 Redevelopment Agency bond and \$2.5 million from the city variable rate note.

Other internal improvements in the

building, such as council chambers and overall furnishings will be funded by other undetermined sources.

A final landscaping plan will be presented to the Planning Commission in the future, and could possibly go before City Council for good measure.

Construction and renovation begins on May 6.

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City Hall addition plans approved

Belmont: Plans in works for a year finally approved

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

The City Hall renovation project will definitely be ready to go in May, now that the Planning Commission has approved the plans and permits to begin.

The city of Belmont is proposing to construct a 6,420-square-foot addition to the three-story building on Sixth Avenue, along with renovating and seismically retrofitting the existing unit.

The commission was generally pleased with the look and feel of the plan, but raised concerns about proposed trees that would surround the new entrance.

"The commission felt that more street furniture was needed, and that the entrance needed a better pedestrian feel to it," said City Planner Carlos DeMelo.

The plan called for some redwood trees to be put in front of the entrance, but the commission felt they would be a little too overwhelming, and requested a lower profile in terms of foliage.

In December 1999 and January 2000, the Planning Commission and the City Council began the review process for various designs before agreeing on the present plans for the building.

A new main entrance for the building will be constructed at the rear, which is currently facing the police station and Twin Pines Park, with each floor having its own main lobby.

Public Works Director John

Curtis said in August that the new entry to City Hall will give the building "a more campused and dramatic feel to the Twin Pines area." The building's main entrance is currently facing Sixth Street.

The first floor will house press and conference rooms along with the Police Department's crime lab, traffic division, juvenile offices and D.A.R.E. The second floor will house the police administration, records and chief's office, while the third floor will house the offices of city government such as city manager, Public Works and the Planning Commission.

There will also be a visitor's lounge in the second floor lobby and a "one stop" counter on the third floor where residents can find the cashier.

The construction will require the removal of 11 trees of various species including evergreen pear, swamp myrtle and Nichol's peppermint eucalyptus. Only one of the species is protected by the city's tree ordinance. The removal of the trees will allow for the building addition, construction of walkways and additional substantial landscaping and tree plantings.

The protected tree will be replaced with new trees as landscaping improvements.

There are currently 163 parking spaces for City Hall, and the proposed addition will require the

Council approves more study for San Juan Hills

Lot merger study next item on project list

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

Belmont City Council will conduct a study to see how homes may one day be built in the San Juan Hills, revising the area plan adopted in 1988.

The decision to go forward with the study stems from a proposal for an 11-unit development by W.S. Gamble, who previously presented three alternatives at the Oct. 10 City Council study session. The alternatives include various configurations of homes for the undeveloped property, including keeping a portion of it available as open space.

The land in question is an 11-

acre parcel in an undeveloped part of Belmont.

One alternative would include subdividing into lots a 7.46-acre parcel of land off Bishop Road, in Belmont's northernmost corner, leaving 3.7 acres for open space.

The proposed development would be a departure from current policy.

Gamble's plans were met with heavy opposition at the study session from residents of the area, who called for a revision of the San Juan Hills Area Plan. The plan, as it currently stands, encourages voluntary transfer of development rights among vacant, subdivided parcels between property owners — in order to consolidate development in the least constrained parts of the area.

Although many councilmembers at the study session were

opposed to the idea of revising the plan, they stressed last week that they must come to a final decision on the area's fate. The debate has been ongoing for more than two years.

"We've let this issue go to the point where we need to do something now," said Vice Mayor Dave Warden.

Gathering the data required for the revision could take until July and the actual revision could take until mid-2002. The total cost of the changes is budgeted at \$50,000.

The study would allow council to obtain information about geology, flood hazards, natural features, roads and utilities within the next few months — all issues that sparked concern from residents on Oct. 10.

Doing the study would enable the city to reduce the potential for development on the existing subdivided lots as well as adopt an urgency ordinance prohibiting any development that might be in conflict with a planning study that is currently underway.

There are various proposals under review in the area that would lead to the development of approximately 20 homes, including Gamble's proposal as well as two roadway projects that would enable homes to be built.

The city expects more proposals to be presented, despite the difficulty of development because of strict zoning rules and geology issues. For example, much of the land is on a severe slope. Generally, planners do not recommend building on slopes.

Belmont City Council names Hahn new mayor

Vows a better relationship with City Council; Warden to be vice-mayor

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

Belmont's new mayor, Eleanor Hahn, promised a closer working relationship between the City Council and the people it serves, while charting a course for the city's future.

Hahn was voted in by a 4-0 count from the council as Belmont's new mayor, replacing Terri Cook. Councilmember Dave Warden was voted in 3-1 as vice mayor at the Nov. 14 meeting, with Hahn abstaining. Hahn felt the mayor shouldn't be a part of the vice-mayoral voting process.

A standing-room only crowd at Twin Pines Senior and Community Center welcomed Hahn as Belmont's new mayor.

"I believe that my role as mayor is to have the overall welfare of Belmont in mind," Hahn said in her acceptance speech. "As mayor, some of the issues I will address will be traffic as it relates to the residents of Belmont, and policy issues as they relate to councilmembers."

Hahn said that she will encourage periodic traffic counts and tracking of wait times between stoplights along Ralston Avenue to

Highway 101 to help identify constraints that need to be put in place.

She said the City Council's role in the community was to work to best represent the interests of the people.

"Our responsibility stems (to) the entire community, both young and old residents," she said. "I want to see a council that sets a fair policy. Council is a place where thoughtful citizens can engage in healthy debates and make policy."

Hahn's main concern for the city was to establish a vision statement for Belmont.

"Belmont lacks a vision statement," she said. "It is more than just a good idea or a wish to have

one, and it should be something that gives us an idea of what Belmont should look like."

Hahn's four-year term on the council expires in November 2001.

Cook, whose term also ends next November, was presented with a huge bouquet of flowers and a plaque congratulating her work as mayor.

"I want to thank all the staff members who were always there to support me, they really helped out and stepped up to the plate when I needed them," she said in returning to her role as councilmember. "I also want to thank former city manager Susan Westman, who brought this city together, and you, the community, who gave me support and words of

wisdom during my term as mayor. I would not be standing here without you."

Cook noted many of the important milestones that happened during her term, including the development of the Belmont Village Center, the installation of the El Camino Bells, the approval of the College of Notre Dame's master plan and Belmont's first farmers' market.

But she said the highlight of her term was reading to kids at Nesbitt Elementary School.

"I really enjoyed reading to the kids there," she said. "They had so many questions about a lot of different things, so I told them to send me letters if I couldn't

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answer all of them at once, and I received many from them. But my favorite one was one from Fernando, who is now a 5th-grader there. And he asked: 'Have you ever wanted to complain to the mayor, then forget that you are the mayor?'"

Members of the community congratulated and thanked Cook before Hahn spoke, including Joan Dentler, the vice president of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce.

"What you've done here within the council chamber walls and beyond has propelled Belmont into the 21st century," Dentler said

before turning to Hahn. "Eleanor, you have a tough act to follow."

"As the saying goes, Joan, you ain't seen nothing yet," Hahn retorted.

Warden, who has been on the council since last year, was voted vice mayor with a 3-1 tally.

Councilmember Pam Rianda was the lone opposition. Rianda

was vice mayor in 1993 and mayor the following year, as well as mayor in 1998. She was hoping to become vice mayor once again this year.

The meeting, which was not televised because of sound problems, will be broadcast tonight at 8 p.m. on Channel 26.

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that they would work with property owners on the location and placement of equipment, and said at a Sept. 26 study session that the boxes would not be placed near or on homeowners' property.

But those reasons still wouldn't change residents' minds.

Resident Antoinette Carter said that installing overhead wires would mean trimming trees that had already gone through the procedure when TCI installed their lines. AT&T later bought out TCI.

"It's very important not to ruin what we have at the expense of a commercial business taking our money," Carter said. "We don't want people from out of town coming in and tearing up what the residents have worked so hard for, like our flower gardens and trees. It will decrease our property values."

The agreement requires RCN to complete the installation within six years, and will give the corporation an 11-year service term to the

city. If the construction is completed in five years, the term will be extended to 13 years, and if completed in four years, the term will extend to 16.

"If these lines are put in we'll have 11 years of this company taking our money, and we've already put most of it towards making our town look nice," added Carter.

A total of 60 boxes will be placed on telephone poles, each serving 150 homes. Thirty boxes will be installed underground later in the six-year plan, and will require the trenching of city streets, something that troubled councilmembers at the Sept. 26 study session and last week's council meeting.

"I don't want to trench a street that has been paved in the last two or three years," said Vice Mayor Dave Warden.

Councilmember Terri Cook expressed the same concern at the previous study session, stating that the roads always look like they're under construction.

"I always hear people say that we've just paved a street

and now someone is coming in and cutting it up again," she said. "It's like it's always under construction."

Carl Pilnick of Telecommunications Management Consultants said the only way to make sure the roads are properly repaved after installation is to enforce a trench-cut ordinance. Pilnick has been working with both RCN and the city in drafting the franchise agreement.

The city is currently drafting a trench-cut ordinance.

In the agreement, RCN will make all street repairs to the city's satisfaction, and pay for them with its own funds. If the trench or hole replacement is "uneven, unsettled, or will otherwise require additional restorative work, repair or replacement because of initial damage to the property," RCN will be responsible for the work for five years or until the road is re-paved.

Residents also said that some don't want the new service and some would not be able to afford the service packages RCN offers, such as the \$109 "Gold Plan," which

gives customers basic and digital cable, phone service and unlimited Internet access.

Pilnick said that the same concerns came up when RCN came to Redwood Shores.

"In Redwood Shores, there was similar opposition to the construction and plans as there are here," he said. "But, 70 percent of the residents there said they wanted competition between cable providers [despite their dissatisfaction with the look of the boxes]."

Though there were many issues brought up by both residents and councilmembers, the City Council

cable providers

approved the agreement, as long as RCN worked with residents to work out concerns.

RCN has already inked deals with other Peninsula cities including San Carlos, San

Mateo and Burlingame, and has offered its service to Redwood City and San Francisco. They currently operate in South San Francisco and Daly City.

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Belmont signs on with RCN

City will offer choice in cable providers

By Wes Bowers
Staff Reporter

The Belmont City Council has approved a franchise agreement with New Jersey-based RCN Corporation for cable, Internet and phone service despite protests from residents concerned by the cost and look of the new equipment that would be installed.

The council's decision now gives Belmont residents a choice between either AT&T or the new company. Some residents weren't too happy with how the new company plans to construct its facilities.

"We don't look forward to having more wires and utility boxes on the telephone poles," said resident Wilma Kartmann. "The poles are already cluttered with the cur-

rent equipment, and adding more wires will just add to it."

RCN plans to begin installation of the cable system next year.

RCN's plan is to place overhead boxes on telephone poles around town, one per mile. The boxes will be 14 inches deep and 5 feet high — containing power supplies, nodes, amplifiers and taps.

Some residents said the position of the boxes would block their view of oncoming traffic as they pulled out of their driveways, despite the fact that current code prohibits the size and placement of the equipment to interfere with the safe sightlines of drivers or pedestrians.

According to the staff report, the city can regulate the location of the equipment so that it does not interfere with public right-of-way and safety views.

In the agreement, RCN stated

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City blocks theater sale to church

Burlingame congregation still searches for permanent home

By Kurtis Alexander
Staff Reporter

Plans to sell the long-vacant Belmont Theater on El Camino Real for use as a Church of God were nixed on May 23 when Belmont City Council voted 3-to-1 against granting a use modification.

The church currently holds services in rented quarters at a Lutheran Church in Burlingame. Pastor Salomon Gonzalez sought to find the church its own permanent home and said that the Belmont Theater would be an ideal space because of its location and seating capacity. He was prepared to pay \$750,000 for the property.

Protests were quickly voiced against the council's refusal to allow church conversion of the movie house, which has stood empty for three years and is shrouded with graffiti.

"I don't know if its because we're Spanish-speaking people or they [councilmembers] actually don't want a church there," said Gonzalez. "I believe it was not a fair decision."

Patrick Sullivan, owner of Liberty Realty in San Mateo, who has been trying to sell the theater for three years, was also critical of council's decision.

"The city was looking at it from the respect that there is no revenue drawn from a church, so why have a church?" said Sullivan.

Sullivan maintained that use of

the theater as a church would benefit the city.

"We were willing to work with the city of Belmont to keep it the same facade and to match with the downtown area," he said. "And realistically too, they (churches) also bring income to the community. Their parishioners spend sales tax."

Lack of parking was a primary reason given by the council for rejecting the zoning modification.

"The church parking requirement is higher than the existing zoning," Mayor Terri Cook said. She noted that increases in the Church of God membership, which is a goal of Gonzalez, would escalate parking problems.

At the council meeting, Gonzalez outlined a number of parking possibilities. But Council deemed them insufficient.

Cook also expressed concern that use of the Belmont Theater should present a fitting image for the city since it is one of the first buildings at the north end of town.

"It's an entryway to Belmont," Cook said. "We'd like to see something that says 'Welcome to Belmont.'" Cook maintained that retail or commercial use is appropriate for the location.

"I didn't want the Church of God to feel discouraged about coming to Belmont," Cook said. "I want to encourage them to look at some other properties [in Belmont]."

Gonzalez and Sullivan say they

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haven't given up on the theater. Sullivan says they will approach the council with a plan to integrate commercial and retail use into its operation as a church.

"Hopefully the city won't give us a problem with it," Sullivan said. Though he won't count on this, he added.

Belmont City Council at a Glance

June 13 Meeting

Councilmembers in attendance: Mayor Terri Cook, Vice Mayor Eleanor Hahn, Councilmembers Pam Rianda, Dave Warden, Paul Wright.

- Mayor Terri Cook issued a proclamation, on behalf of the city, honoring the "Belmont Then and Now" project by third-grade students at Central Elementary School.
- City Council denied approval of a resolution authorizing up to \$303,000 for renovation of the historic Emmett House at 843 Ralston Ave. Before committing funds for renovation, Council requested that city staff provide more information on the construction plans.
- Lengthy discussion ensued on the proposed city budget. June 13 was the first of two public hearings on the matter. The next hearing is on June 27.

Lewcock has Belmont's day-to-day operations under control

Preparing for budget adoption by June 30 is top priority for manager

By Kurtis Alexander
Staff Reporter

Traffic lights still blink on the streets. Trees are watered in the parks and police patrol their beats. It's business as usual in Belmont.

Behind the scenes, in a third-floor office at City Hall, managing the day-to-day affairs of the city is Interim City Manager Tom Lewcock. Hired to maintain Belmont operations after resignation of the previous manager, Lewcock has been on the job for almost two months and is moving forward with his inherited tasks.

"It was probably a month or so

before I felt that I had a good understanding of all of the issues that were in process," Lewcock said.

Lewcock appears unruffled by the enormity of his workload. He is "retired" after 28 years in public management that accustomed him to the pressures of running a city. State regulations allow him to take six-month temporary assignments without affecting his pension.

"I'm favorably impressed with the way things are going. The department heads have all been very responsive and very helpful,"

Lewcock said.

Former City Manager Susan Westman had accused the City Council of interfering with her work and cited this as a reason for her resignation. But Lewcock said he was having no problems with the council.

"Clearly the interim job is not the same as a permanent job," Lewcock said. "But the Council has been very supportive and very helpful to me."

Lewcock said he knows little about the recall attempt against Councilmember Pam Rianda and will steer clear of the issue.

"I cannot and should not take sides or have any involvement other than understanding that those things are occurring and if

need be, at some point in time, deal with the procedural requirements," Lewcock said.

Lewcock's focus remains on city operations. He is here for six months to do a job, and he says that he doesn't have the time or energy to deal in politics.

Summoning a mental to-do list that would leave most people discouraged and wondering where to begin, Lewcock identified the city budget as an initial priority.

"In any city, during the time you're in budget, the manager simply has to dedicate an awful lot of time [to preparing the budget]," Lewcock said. "And they do it in a very contracted time frame here."

The budget is due for adoption before the end of the fiscal year on

June 30. City Council will hold two public hearings in June before the budget takes effect.

Another priority for Lewcock is taking inventory of projects the city is pursuing. The range of projects includes redevelopment of the downtown, update of the general plan and finishing touches on the grade separation. Lewcock said there are over fifty projects to review.

"I hope to track the status of all of these special activities of the city and get assignments made to them," Lewcock said. When his interim assignment is complete, he wants to provide the next city manager with full documentation of what the issues on the plate are.

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Lewcock will also be assisting with the hiring of the new city manager, at least to the extent that City Council wishes. He said that he expects many strong applicants. He did not think that the rocky relationship between the former city manager and the

council would be a major issue in hiring a new manager.

"There may be some who otherwise might be interested who may choose not to apply," Lewcock said. "On the other hand, I think that people who take a good solid look here may well find that this is a pretty nice

opportunity as well."

A search firm is currently seeking candidates for the position. City Council will meet with the search firm during the second week of July to review resumes. In August, the council will begin interviews.

"An organization will always do

better over the long run with continuity and stability, and things I can't do as an interim (city manager)," Lewcock said. However, as an interim employee, Lewcock says he can bring new perspectives to the organization which he hopes will have a lasting effect.

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Please Note: The Redevelopment Agency Meeting will be held starting at 7:30 P.M. before the Regular Council Meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING OF
BELMONT CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, February 8, 2000, 7:30 P.M.
TWIN PINES SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER
1223 RALSTON AVENUE
TWIN PINES PARK
AGENDA**

In Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 650/595-7413. The speech and hearing-impaired may call 650/637-2990 for TDD services. Notification in advance of the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

**SPECIAL MEETING
CLOSED SESSIONS – 5:30 P.M.**

- A. Conference with Property Negotiator, Susan Westman, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
 - 1. APN's: 045-163-050,-060,-070,-080,-210,-240,-045-164-030; 045-152-560.

- B. Conference with Property Negotiator, Susan Westman, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
 - 1. APN's:045-246-130, 045-243-040, 045-252-080; 772-003-000-1-00; 045-025-252-06A; 045-025-252; 17A-30-A; 045-247-040; 045-247-030; 772-003-000-100,CA; 040-311-120; 040-331-200; 045-182-080; 045-182-070; 045-243-020; 045-243-030; 045-182-100; 045-182-110; 045-182-240; 045-164-030; 040-332-230.

- C. Public Employee Appointment, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
 - 1. Senior Planner

**SPECIAL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.
STUDY SESSION**

- A. Discussion and consideration of Conceptual Plans for City Hall exterior remodel and addition. – **Time Certain 30 minutes**

- B. Presentation and discussion regarding the Drs Jadallah and Jordon Project - 873-877 Ralston Avenue. -A Proposal for a new three story mixed-use commercial/office/residential building. - **Time Certain 30 minutes**

AGENDA STUDY SESSION - 7:15 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS

1. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/PRESENTATIONS (none)

2. PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS

If you are addressing the City Council on a non-agenda item, the City Council's general policy is to refer items to staff for attention or have a matter placed on a future agenda for a more comprehensive action or report. This agenda category is limited to 10 minutes for items of interest not on Agenda, to be allocated as determined by the Mayor. If you wish to address the hearing body, please complete a speaker's card and give it to the City Clerk.

3. AGENDA AMENDMENTS (if any)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless members of the Council, staff or public request specific items to be removed for separate action.

- A. Approval of meeting minutes: Regular Meeting January 11, 2000; Joint Meeting Study Session January 18, 2000. Special and Regular Meeting January 25, 2000.
- B. Approval of Warrant List Dated: 1/13/00 for total amount of \$161,440.92 and dated 1/20/00 for total amount of \$211,995.63.
- C. Written Communication 1). Rec. 1/26/00 Agricultural Energy Consumers Assoc. comments on the alternative proposed decision of C. Wood, A.97-12-020, I.97-11-026, A.94-12-005, I.95-02-015; 2). Rec. 1/28/00 1995 PG&E Storm Response D.99-06-080, OP 8; 3). Rec. 2/2/00 draft decision of ALJ Patrick re A.94-12-005.
- D. Motion to approve Claims Management Report.
- E. Motion to waive reading of Ordinances.
- F. Resolution approving contract with Cerulean Technologies, Inc. for Belmont Police Department in conjunction with the San Carlos Police Department, for purchase and installation of Mobile data server software.

- G. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$75,000 with Wheeler Plumbing for Television Inspection Services.
- H. Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding for Ralston Avenue Signal Interconnect and El Camino Real/Fifth Avenue safety improvement projects and committing the necessary local match for the projects in the amount of \$30,000 and stating the assurance of City of Belmont to complete the project.
- I. Resolution approving establishment of a No Parking Zone next to a retaining wall at 2722-2726 Sequoia Way.
- J. Resolution approving and accepting the second amended joint powers agreement establishing the Alcohol Violation Temporary Housing Authority. (First Chance).
- 5/24/00* K. Resolution approving establishment of six restricted (30 Minute) and one handicapped parking spaces at 1301 Old County Road.
- L. Ordinance approving a rezoning of properties along the 2500 Block of Ralston Avenue (Belmont Canyon Road) from R-1B to HRO-2 District (Appl. No. 99-1128) (2nd reading and adoption).
- M. Resolution against Proposition 28 smoking Initiative Measure.
- N. Resolution in support of Proposition 12 safe neighborhood parks, clean water, clean air and coastal protection bond Act of 2000.
- O. Resolution in support of Proposition 14, Library Bond.
- P. Resolution amending Resolution 8672 extending the filing deadline for applicants for the General Plan Update Team to February 15, 2000.
- Q. Motion pursuant to Section 1-11 of the Municipal Code authorizing review of Planning Commission action of February 1, 2000, Item 6-E Public Hearing to consider design review for a second-story addition, consisting of approximately 1,169 s.f. to an existing 1,873 s.f. (including garage and covered entry porch) single-story home. Total floor area including the garage would be approximately 3,042 s.f. Maximum permitted floor area for the lot is 3,065 s.f. (Appl. No. 99-1144) APN: 044-311-150; Zoning: R1-C CEQA Status: Exempt David Hernandez (Applicant) Jen and Charlie Montgomery (Owners)
- ACTION:** 1). Motion to **approve the Consent Calendar**

5. PUBLIC/HEARINGS -(None)

6. OLD/BUSINESS-(None)

7. NEW BUSINESS – (None)

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8. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE UPDATES, AND STAFF REPORTS

- A. Discussion regarding Council Benefits.
- B. Update on Business License holders on City Website.
- C. Discussion and direction regarding City Council Action Form.
- D. Direction to schedule time for Commission interviews for terms expiring, March 1, 2000.

9. MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION

- A. Discussion and direction regarding Council taking positions on State Proposition issues.
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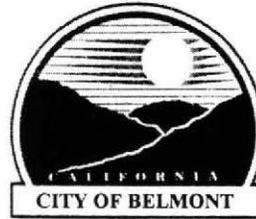
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Agenda # 4-K

MEETING OF February 8, 2000



STAFF REPORT

Approving Establishment of Six Restricted (30 minute) and One Handicapped Parking Spaces at 1301 Old County Road

February 8, 2000

Honorable Mayor and City Council

Summary

Due to the need for additional short-term parking along Old County Road for local business patrons, City Staff recommends converting six existing 4-hour parking spaces to 30 minute parking (8am-6pm, Monday through Friday) and two 4-hour parking spaces into one handicapped parking space in front of 1301 Old County Road. Three parking spaces will remain 4-hour parking for employee parking.

Background and Discussion

The Traffic Safety Committee recently received several complaints from business owners at and near 1301 Old County Road regarding the abuse of available public parking on the eastern of Old County Road between the southern city limits and O'Neill Avenue. The complaint stemmed from adjacent businesses who use the existing 4-hour time limit to park vehicles designated to be rented or for repair. These types of vehicles limit the number of spaces available for patrons of 1301 Old County Road who wish to use the parking spaces for short-term parking. However, due to the existing time limits placed on the specified parking spaces, the adjacent business owners simply move the vehicles designated to be rented or repaired every few hours in order to avoid being ticketed. Many times, the adjacent business owners leave no additional spaces for short-term parking for customers who wish to patron the businesses at 1301 Old County Road. As a result of this existing situation, the Traffic Safety Committee



*1301 Old County Road looking South
towards Harbor Avenue*

held a public meeting on Monday, January 24, 2000, at City Hall in Room 101 to discuss possible solutions that would rectify the existing parking situation at 1301 Old County Road. At the aforementioned public meeting, only one property owner attended the public meeting to discuss possible solutions of the existing parking situation at 1301 Old County Road. Staff also received two phone calls from other affected property owners not able to make the meeting, requesting that some of the existing parking be changed to 30 minutes. During this meeting, the sole property owner attending the meeting expressed an interest in accommodating one handicapped parking space in addition to changing some of the angled parking to 30 minutes. City Staff suggested converting two diagonal parking spaces located next to the commercial driveway approach into one handicapped parking space in order to accommodate required ADA standards as well as provide a ramp to the sidewalk located within close proximity of the proposed space. City Staff also proposed converting six of the 11 diagonal parking spots to 30 minutes (8am-6pm, Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and holidays). Of the six proposed 30 minute parking spaces, four are located closest to O'Neill Avenue on Old County Road, with the other two spots being located immediately south of the driveway located at 1301 Old County Road. The last three spots would remain 4-hour parking.



As a result of suggestions and recommendations obtained from affected business owners and residents who attended the January 24, 2000, public meeting as well as those who called with concerns to be addressed at the meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee recommends converting six existing 4-hour parking spaces to 30 minute parking (8am-6pm, Monday through Friday) and two 4-hour parking into one handicapped parking space in front of 1301 Old County Road. Four of the proposed 30-minute parking spaces are located immediately south of O'Neill Avenue on the eastern side of Old County Road and the other two 30-minute parking spaces are located immediately south of the commercial driveway approach at 1301 Old County Road. The two diagonal parking spaces immediately north of the same driveway approach at 1301 Old County Road will be converted into one ADA handicapped parking stall. The last three parking spaces will remain 4-hour parking.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be responsible for the installation of the appropriate signs and striping. Costs are minimal and will be paid from the Gas Tax Fund.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution converting six existing 4-hour parking spaces to 30 minute parking (8am-6pm, Monday through Friday) and two 4-hour parking stalls into one ADA handicapped parking stall in front of 1301 Old County Road.

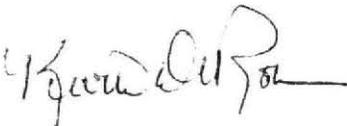
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1. Deny the request.
2. Continue the matter to the next Council meeting if additional information is required.

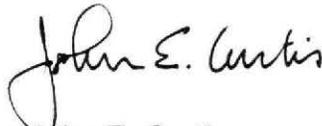
Attachments

1. Resolution approving the 30-minute and handicapped parking stalls.
2. Exhibit "A": Map showing proposed 30 minute and handicapped parking spaces.
3. Sample letter sent to residents within 300 feet of the 1/24/00 Public Meeting.
4. Sample letter sent to residents within 300 feet of the 2/8/00 City Council meeting.
5. List of residents within 300 feet.
6. Sign-In sheet listing residents who attended the January 24, 2000 Public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin DeRouen
Engineering Technician
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John E. Curtis
Director of Public Works



Susan Westman
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CITY OF BELMONT
San Mateo County, California

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF SIX RESTRICTED (30 MINUTE) AND ONE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES AT 1301 OLD COUNTY ROAD

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Committee did review the request of property owners, City Council and City Staff to convert six 4-hour parking spaces to 30-minutes (8am-6pm, weekdays, excluding weekends and holidays) and two 4-hour parking spaces into one ADA handicapped space located within the first eleven diagonal parking spaces on the eastern side of Old County Road immediately south of O'Neill Avenue. The request was based on existing conditions that allow adjacent business owners to utilize the existing 4-hour time limit to park vehicles designated as rental or to repaired for the full 4-hour time limit, rather than be used by customers as short-term parking; and,

WHEREAS, Staff has prepared this Resolution to convert six existing 4-hour parking spaces to 30 minute parking (8am-6pm, Monday through Friday) and two 4-hour parking into one ADA handicapped parking space in front of 1301 Old County Road. Four of the proposed 30-minute parking spaces are located immediately south of O'Neill Avenue on the eastern side of Old County Road and the other two 30-minute parking spaces are located immediately south of the commercial driveway approach at 1301 Old County Road. The two diagonal parking spaces immediately north of the driveway approach at 1301 Old County Road will be converted into one ADA handicapped parking stall. The last three spaces will remain 4-hour parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Belmont City Council does order the Director of the Department of Public Works to convert four existing 4-hour parking spaces located immediately south of O'Neill Avenue on the eastern side of Old County Road to 30 minute parking (8am-6pm, Monday through Friday); convert two existing 4-hour parking spaces located immediately south of the commercial driveway approach at 1301 Old County Road to 30 minute parking (8am-6pm, weekdays, excluding weekends and holidays); and convert two 4-hour parking spaces located immediately north of the driveway approach at 1301 Old County Road into one ADA handicapped parking space. The last three spaces will remain 4-hour parking.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on this 8th day of February, 2000.

AYES, COUNCILMEMBER(S): _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBER(S): _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBER(S): _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBER(S): _____

Clerk of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Belmont



January 14, 2000

Subject: Designation of several 30-minute parking spaces in front of 1301 Old County Road

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

On January 13, 2000, the Traffic Safety Committee considered a request to change several parking spaces in front of 1301 Old County Road to 30-minute parking.

City staff has scheduled a public meeting to obtain citizen input regarding on this matter. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2000 in Conference Room 101A (first floor) of City Hall, 1070 Sixth Avenue, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. You are invited to attend and voice any concerns you might have regarding this matter.

If you have any questions or desire more information, please call me at (650) 595-7463 or Rich Yoshida at (650) 595-7425.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Kevin DeRouen
Engineering Technician

Cc: J. Curtis, Director of Public Works
D. Jones, Assistant Director
K. Kern, City Clerk
R. Yoshida, Senior Civil Engineer

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BELMONT CITY CLERK

January 28, 2000



To: Belmont Property Owners within 300 feet of 1301 Old County Road

Subject: Establishment of Six Restricted (30 minute) Parking Spaces and One Handicapped Parking Space at 1301 Old County Road

Dear Property Owner:

Please be advised that the Belmont City Council will be considering a request to establish six restricted (30 minute) parking spaces and one handicapped parking space at 1301 Old County Road at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, 7:30 p.m., at the Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, 1223 Ralston Avenue, Twin Pines Park, and that you have the right to express any concerns at the meeting prior to the Council taking action.

Please find enclosed a map depicting the project location and a 300 foot radius map which identifies all property owners to be notified of the upcoming City Council meeting. It is the policy of the City of Belmont to notify all property owners within 300 feet of the project.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Kevin DeRouen at (650) 595-7463 or myself at (650) 595-7427.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Yoshida".

Rich Yoshida, Senior Civil Engineer
Department of Public Works

cc: J. Curtis, Director – Public Works Department
K. Kern, City Clerk

Enclosure

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Joyce Rehlich
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Joseph Schwartz Sr.
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San Mateo, CA 94403

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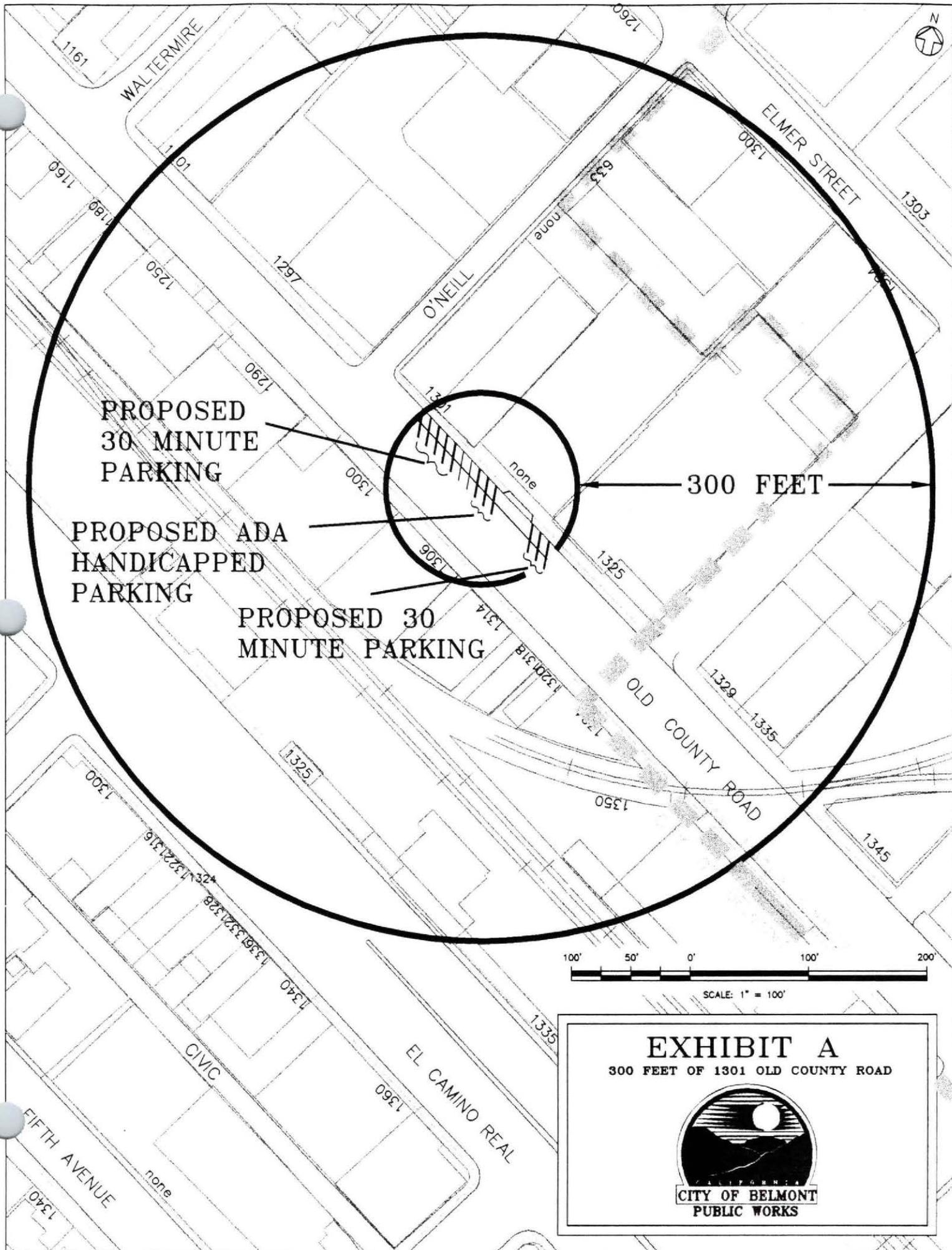
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Gail Ryan & WELLS FARGO BANK
511 Starboard Dr
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Wells Fargo Bank
2744 Sand Hill Rd
Menlo Park, CA 94025



PROPOSED
30 MINUTE
PARKING

PROPOSED ADA
HANDICAPPED
PARKING

PROPOSED 30
MINUTE PARKING

300 FEET



SCALE: 1" = 100'

EXHIBIT A

300 FEET OF 1301 OLD COUNTY ROAD



CITY OF BELMONT
PUBLIC WORKS



City Council Special and Regular Meetings, June 13, 2000
Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, 1223 Ralston Avenue



SPECIAL MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

CLOSED SESSIONS

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Tom Lewcock, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.8:

1. BPOA

B. Conference with Legal Counsel, anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9:

1. Three Cases

Attended by Councilmembers Warden, Hahn, Wright, Rianda, Cook, Interim City Manager Lewcock, City Attorney Savaree. Interim Assistant City Manager Bridges and Ms. Finney, Negotiator with IEDA attended Closed Session A-1. Interim Community Development Director Macris, Code Enforcement Officer Buckman, and Building Official Cyr attended B-1. City Clerk Kern excused from attending.

Adjournment at this time, being 7:20 P.M. these Closed Sessions were adjourned.

Kathy Kern
Belmont City Clerk

Meeting not tape recorded

REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Warden, Hahn, Wright, Rianda, Cook

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: none

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Lewcock, Public Works Director Curtis, Interim Community Development Director Macris, Finance Director Fil, Police Chief Goulart, Parks and Recreation Director Mittelstadt, Technology Specialist Harnish, Senior Planner Livingstone, Building Official Cyr, City Clerk Kern

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Cook announced that direction was given, but no action taken.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation honoring the Belmont Then And Now project created by the third grade students at Central Elementary School.

Mayor Cook presented this proclamation to the Central Elementary School during the Belmont Fire Protection District Meeting held earlier.

PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. King, 1801 Notre Dame Avenue, President Park Boosters, announced that the concerts in the Park would start on Sunday.

Mr. Metropulos, 835 Laurel Avenue, thanked Council for the Proclamation for Central Elementary School. He thanked Dr. Wright and C. Cook for helping to make graduation night at Carlmont High School such a success.

Mayor Cook announced that C. Wright had earned his Doctorate degree.

C. Rianda announced that C/CAG awarded the City of Belmont \$100,000 for the street and maintenance program.

Finance Director Fil, announced that a workshop had been held to explain the proposed usage based storm drain rates. He said a second workshop would be held on June 26th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Senior and Community Center.

C. Warden reported that Mr. Fuchs had announced his retirement from the Independent Newspaper, sometime in December, 2000.

Mayor Cook announced that she had attended the Library Task Force visioning workshop a few weeks ago. She said there had been some great ideas generated that the architects would incorporate in a design for the library. She noted that she, C. Wright and C. Rianda had attended the DARE graduations at the local elementary schools. Mayor Cook commented that two Farmer's markets had been held and were very successful so far. She said she had presented a proclamation to Margaret Huber, retiring President of Notre Dame College. She said she had attended the formal celebration for the Grade Separation, and thanked Public Works Director Curtis for its speedy completion.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Mayor Cook announced that she would recuse herself from voting on Consent Calendar item 4-I (Davey Glen environmental study). Consent Calendar Item 4-K would be considered with an amended Consultant Agreement.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of meeting minutes: Jt Meeting May 16th, Study Session May 22nd, and Special and Regular Meetings May 23rd.

Approval of Warrant List Dated: 5/19/00 for total amount of \$369,385.41 and dated 5/25/00 for total amount of \$520,552.25

Written Communication : 1). Rec. 5/18 Comments of PG&E in response to Commissioner's ruling 4/27/00, A.97-12-020, I.97-11-026, A.94-12-005, I.95-02-015(U39M); 2). Rec. 5/19/00 Notice of Applications for a gas rate increase and electric revenue increase: annual earnings assessment and cost of capital proceedings; 3). Rec. 5/26/00 from PG&E to PUC re. Ty 2002 GRC, A.97-12-020, I.97-11-026, A.94-12-005, I.95-02-015(U39M).

Motion to approve Claims Management Report.

Resolution 8768 approving a Permanent Encroachment Agreement for the construction of a

driveway bridge, concrete stairs, handrails and associated piers within the public right-of-way at 2652 Belmont Canyon Road. APN:043-211-030; Scott Andrews.

Resolution No. 8769 approving award of contract to McGuire & Hester for the amount of \$395,711.00 for North Road Reconstruction, City Contract No. 408B.

Resolution No 8770 approving the purchase of a set of Portable Lifts for Automotive Services from K & L Automotive Service for an Amount not to Exceed \$26,975.90

Resolution No. 8771 approving installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Sixth Avenue.

Resolution No. 8772 authorizing and directing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement with Lamphier & Associates to conduct an environmental study for the Ross Woods Residential Development Project at 1 Davey Glen Road.

Resolution No. 8773 approving redesign and purchase of furniture for the Belmont Police Department Communications Dispatch Center from Innovative Casework, Inc in the amount of \$13,750.00

Resolution No. 8774 authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Consultant Services Agreement with Ms. Brant Helligas as Interim Human Resources Director.

Resolution approving the expenditure by the Belmont Redevelopment Agency of an amount Not to Exceed \$303,000 for the renovation of the Emmett House at 843 Ralston Avenue and making findings pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33445.

CONTINUED TO JULY 11TH Meeting.

Consent Calendar adopted as amended. Moved by C. Warden, seconded by C. Rianda, and approved unanimously, by show of hands, with C. Cook abstaining from voting on 4-I environmental study for Davey Glen.

PUBLIC/HEARINGS

Public Hearing to consider proposed BFPD, RDA and City of Belmont Budgets Fiscal Year 2000/2001.

Interim City Manager Lewcock gave a brief overview of the budget which included estimates on total revenues FY2001 at \$39 million and expenditures at \$47 million.

Finance Director Fil reviewed highlights in the budget. He reported on the various revenue sources and expenditures. He listed the department budget highlights and noted that the Grade Separation project was almost complete. Finance Director Fil listed the five year Capital Improvement Projects which included: 1). Police Facility/City Hall project; 2).reconstruction/rehabilitation of various streets; 3). reconstruction of Fire Station #14; and, 4). Direct Access project .

In answer to C. Warden, Finance Director Fil reported that the tax rebate to the Holiday Inn would expire in September, 2001. He explained that the City was billing for booking fees where the law allowed.

C. Rianda asked if there was a way to track contributions from the sports organizations.

Interim City Manager Lewcock suggested that this funding be noted in the division budgets as a revenue budget note. It could be shown each year as an information item.

C. Rianda requested that \$50,000 be put in the Community Funding budget to begin a study for the Barrett Community Center. She said this was a priority of the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council during the joint meeting.

Interim City Manager Lewcock said that Council could make this request by motion after the public hearing had been opened, to provide direction to staff.

C. Rianda stated that she would like Council to reevaluate the General Plan update. She said she would be in favor of completing the housing element, but she would prefer putting this project off until a new Planning Director was hired.

Mayor Cook opening the public hearings for the Belmont Fire Protection District, Redevelopment Agency and City proposed budgets.

Community Group Funding Requests for FY 2000/2001.

Chamber of Commerce

In response to Council questions, Incoming President Probsfelt stated that the Belmont Chamber of Commerce needed this \$40,000 to allow the Chamber to increase membership so they could be financially independent within the next three years. She said this funding would allow the professional staff the opportunity to begin an intensive membership drive to increase membership. She reported they would also be increasing the membership dues to provide more revenue over the next year.

Mayor Cook requested a show of hands to fund the Chamber of Commerce at the requested amount of \$40,000. Council Members Warden, Hahn and Rianda voted no. Councilmembers Wright and Cook voted yes.

Motion: by C. Warden, seconded by C. Hahn, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$35,000.

Center for Domestic Violence

Motion: by C. Rianda, seconded by C. Hahn, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$5,000.

Criminal Justice Council of San Mateo

Motion: by C. Warden, seconded by C. Hahn, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$2,316.00.

Family and Community Enrichment Services, Inc.

Motion: by C. Rianda, seconded by C. Warden, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$37,142.00.

Human Investment Project for Housing (HIP)

Motion: by C. Hahn, seconded by C. Warden, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$20,000.

Motion: by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously, to have this funding come from the Redevelopment Agency Low and Moderate Income Fund.

Kollage Community School for the Arts

In answer to C. Rianda, Ms. Tuel from Kollage, stated that they intended to pay back the \$6,000 City of Belmont seed money this year.

Motion by C. Wright, seconded by C. Rianda, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$10,000.

Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC)

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Hahn, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$11,794.00.

San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau

C. Hahn noted that the Convention Bureau was moving in a new direction with a new director. She requested that the Council continue funding the Bureau at the \$10,000 level.

Ms. LeClair, CEO Visitors and Convention Bureau, stated that the Bureau appreciated Belmont's investment.

Action: on motion by C. Hahn, seconded by C. Wright, to fund the Bureau at the \$10,000 level. This motion failed on a vote of 2-3 (Warden, Rianda, Cook voted no).

Action: on motion by C. Hahn, seconded by C. Wright, to fund the Bureau at the \$5,000 level. This motion failed on a vote of 2-3 (Warden, Rianda, Cook voted no).

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Cook, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$2,500.

San Mateo County Jobs for Youth

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously by show of hands to approve funding for \$1,500.

San Juan Canyon Preservation Trust

Ms. Purcell, 1081 Granada Street, Trustee explained their expenditures so far, and how this funding would be utilized over the next year. She stated that the Trust had sponsored a Town Hall Meeting with Senator Sher and as a result, Senator Sher had put a request in the State Budget for \$500,000 for land purchase in the San Juan Canyon Open Space. She said they were the only organization working to help preserve this open space.

Meeting extended at this time, being 10:30 P.M., this meeting was extended by unanimous vote, to 11:00 P.M.

Action: on motion by C. Rianda, seconded by C. Warden, and approved unanimously, by show of hands, to approve funding for \$30,000.

C. Rianda stated this was the last year she would approve this funding unless there was substantial movement by this group.

C. Warden stated that with the help of part time staff the group should be able to move forward this year.

C. Wright stated that he was glad to hear that they would be working towards becoming self sustaining.

Shelter Network

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously by show of hands, to approve funding for \$10,000.

75th Anniversary Committee

Action: on motion by C. Wright, seconded by C. Warden, and approved unanimously by show of hands, to approve funding for \$10,000.

Sustainable San Mateo County (SSMC)

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to approve funding for \$1,500.

San Mateo County Historical Association

C. Rianda explained that this funding had been requested to finish construction of a transportation exhibit at the Museum. She said the request for \$5,976 was based on the C/CAG formula.

C. Rianda made a motion to fund the San Mateo County Historical Association for \$5,976. This motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Cook asked if there was a motion to fund Economic Vitality Partnership, and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). No motions were made.

Mayor Cook stated that Council had received a request today for \$2,500 for funding from Christian Action Live Line (C.A.L.L.).

Ms. Watt, Director C.A.L.L., Burlingame, explained that this group had provided services to Belmont residents over the past year and made referrals to Shelter Network. She stated that they focused on low-income singles, families, seniors and the homeless.

Mayor Cook requested a motion to provide \$2,500 for this group. There was no motion.

Mr. Kranen, 1902 Notre Dame, thanked the Council for funding the San Juan Preservation Trust.

Public Hearing to consider proposed National Pollutant Elimination System Charges (NPDES) and electing to have said charges collected on the Tax Roll. (\$30 Residential/ Misc.)

Public Works Director Curtis recommended approval of the Resolution for NPDES charges.

Mayor Cook opened the public hearing.

On motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Cook and approved unanimously to close the public hearing.

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright and approved unanimously, by show of hands to adopt:

Resolution No. 8775 approving report of charges for National Pollutant Elimination System Charges (NPDES) and electing to have said charges collected on the tax roll.

Public Hearing to consider recommending that the San Mateo County Flood Control District Impose charges for funding County-wide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Program. (\$3.44 Residential/\$1.72 Misc.)

Public Works Director recommended approval the Resolution for County-Wide NPDES charges.

Mayor Cook opened the public Hearing.

On motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright and approved unanimously, to close the Public Hearing.

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously, by show of hands to adopt:

Resolution No. 8776 recommending that the San Mateo County Flood Control District impose charges for funding County-Wide National Pollutant Discharge elimination System (NPDES) General Program.

Interim City Manager Lewcock explained that these budget hearings would be continued to the meeting of June 27th and all the changes would be incorporated into the budget document. He explained that if there were further changes at the next meeting, they would be considered as actions to modify the budget.

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright and approved unanimously, to continue these hearings to June 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of extending application deadline for City Commissions.

Consideration of accepting applications for the General Plan Update Team.

These two items were continued to the meeting of June 27, 2000.

BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE UPDATES, AND STAFF REPORTS

Report on El Camino Real Paving.

This item was continued to the meeting of June 27, 2000.

Discussion and direction for a study session regarding the Legislative Calendar Concept.

This item was continued to the meeting of July 11, 2000.

MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION

Consideration of shuttle bus service in Belmont. (Rianda)

Discussion and direction regarding timeframe involved in General Plan update process. (Hahn)

These two items were continued to the meeting of June 27, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 10:45 P.M., this meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Kern
Belmont City Clerk

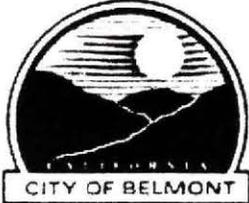
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"A Blueprint for Success"



Terri Cook, Mayor
February 10, 2000

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Belmont –

"THE HUB OF THE PENINSULA"



Some Interesting Background...

What year was Belmont incorporated?

Was it ...

1920?
1926?
1932?



and the answer is ...

...

An election was held in October of 1926, and the articles of incorporation were passed "by a small margin" (the vote was 126 to 72).



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POPULATION TRENDS

Here's another trivia test.

At incorporation in 1926, what was the population? Was it . . .



500?
984?
6522?



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The answer

...and for a quick look at population growth over the years ...

In 1950, the population was 5500
In 1970, it grew to 23,667.



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Can anyone pinpoint the number one reason for that 20-year growth?

The number one reason was:

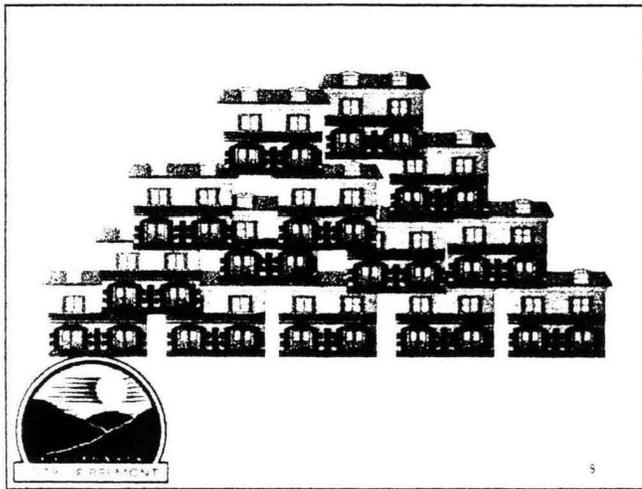
Mayor Cook's parents began propagating! (She's one of six, you know!)

"The city grew to a population of over 3,000 in 1940 and 5,500 in 1950. The 1966 count of 23,050 was an indication that the prediction of 40,000 by 1990 is probably too low."



Where do you think we'd put another 15,000 people?

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But in all seriousness, here are some population facts and trends (per ABAG's 1998 projections):

- ❖ 1990 population – 24,661
- ❖ 1995 population – 25,800
(close to current number)
- ❖ 2000 projected – 26,800
- ❖ 2020 projected – 27,700



That's about a 7.5% increase over the next 20 years.

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Budget Information

Total revenues for fiscal year 1999-2000

... \$45.3 million dollars (all funds)

How do we put that into any kind of perspective?



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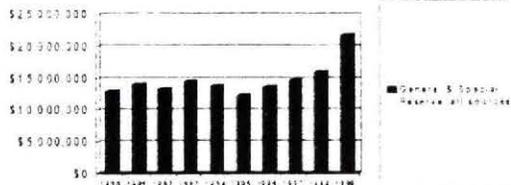
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\$705.23



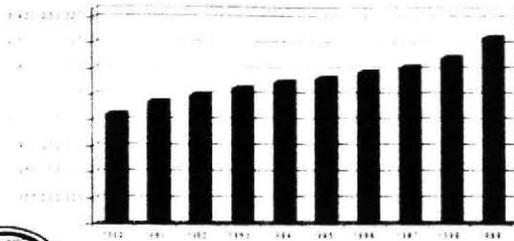
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But for some real perspective, here are revenue figures over the last ten years



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Ten-year overview of assessed property value



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Bond Sale Update

- ❖ Municipal bond sale by Redevelopment Agency in November of 1999
- ❖ Retired "old" debt of \$15.3M
- ❖ Issued "new" debt of \$8.6M
- ❖ Increased bond rating, realizing savings to City
- ❖ Revenues will allow City to continue upgrades in the redevelopment area
- ❖ "New money" provides opportunity for more projects, thereby improving the quality of life for the community.



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So What is the "State of the City"?

- ▶ First and foremost on everyone's mind is ...

What's your guess?



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THE GRADE SEPARATION

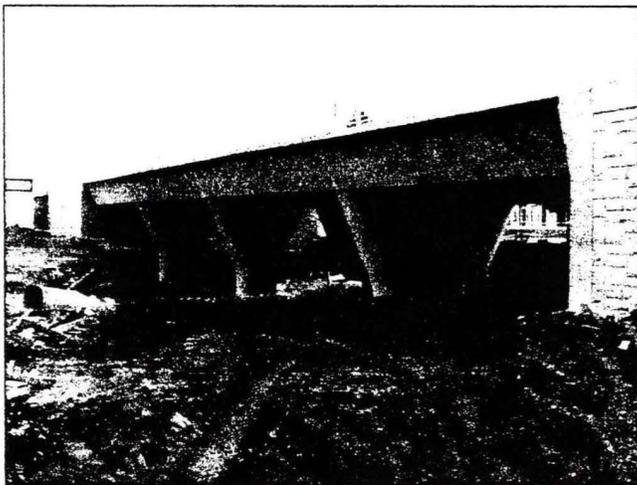
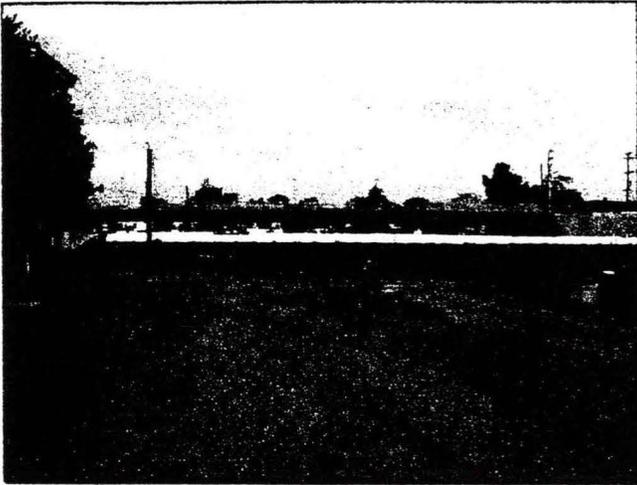
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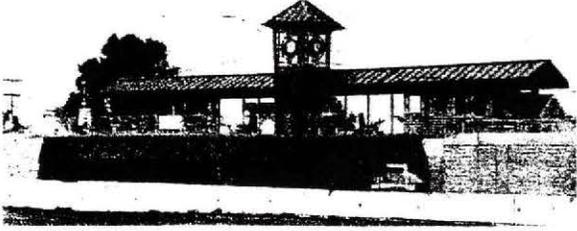
What year did the grade separation project start?

and the answer is ...



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The new train station also deserves its own page.



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Any guesses as to the final price tag for all three projects – Harbor, Holly Ralston)?

Yes, another trivia test.

About million.

“Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people who are doing it.” Chinese proverb



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City Hall Retrofit and Remodel

- ❖ New orientation of building toward park
- ❖ Police services relocated from current substandard facility
- ❖ Secure parking for police vehicles
- ❖ New façade with plaza to be source of pride for community
- ❖ Space of existing police facility available for future council chambers/community room



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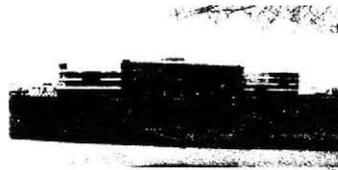
Belmont Village Center

- ❖ Most tenants now open
- ❖ New cornerstone for intersection of Raiston and El Camino



Oracle Expansion

- ❖ 410,000 sq. ft., completes Island Park development
- ❖ Dedicated parking for Sports Complex
- ❖ Point of sale in Belmont, guaranteeing sales tax revenue for Belmont
- ❖ \$500,000 contribution for new fire station

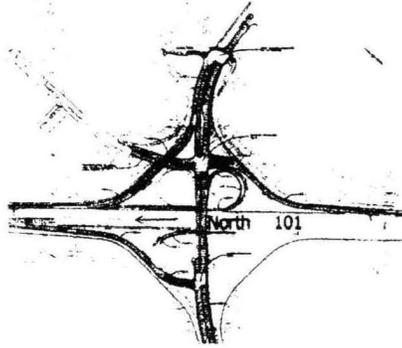


Direct Access/101 Interchange

- ❖ Safer access into Island Park for residents and businesses
- ❖ Improved traffic flow in and out of Redwood Shores
- ❖ Improved traffic flow on and off the freeway
- ❖ Funding sources
 - \$1M from Belmont
 - \$3M from Oracle
 - \$12-15M from Redwood Shores Assessment District (newly formed, business landowners only)
 - \$3.1M from State of California (STIIP) for local improvement projects



Illustration of the Direct Access proposal. Ralston Avenue runs perpendicular in this drawing.



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Street Resurface/Reconstruction

- ❖ Chula Vista, Dale View, Sequoia - done
- ❖ Scheduled for completion this year
Middle, North, Hillman, Prindle, Lassen, Waltermire,
(completion of) Notre Dame
- ❖ \$1.2M in grants approved for road repair & reconstruction
- ❖ Slated for possible receipt of grant monies

Ralston from 101 to Cipriani, Alameda from Ralston to San Mateo border

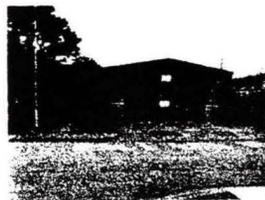


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Fire Station 14

- ❖ Design review completed by May
- ❖ Construction drawings completed in August
- ❖ Select a contractor by October
- ❖ Construction completed in October 2001



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Library

- ❖ Current library approximately 5,500 square feet
- ❖ Needs assessment performed by consultant
- Focus groups held with students, educators, seniors, business community, Friends of the Library, neighborhood association presidents to give input as to what is desired in a library
- Survey of community conducted - over 100 received
- Recommended size for new library is approximately 28,000 square feet
- New library to have children's area, community meeting rooms, increased computer area



⇒ Task Force to make formal recommendation to city council in March. Recommendations include:

- 28,000 square feet
- Rebuild on existing site
- One story with underground parking, some surface parking
- Maintain park



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What Others Are Doing

- ❖ Belmont Vista - Assisted living facility adjacent to Belmont Convalescent Hospital
- ❖ Jewish Community Center - New owner working through the design review process at planning commission stage. Current plans call for rezoning from institutional to multi-unit housing.
- ❖ One Davey Glen - Once again owner is working with a developer for a multi-unit housing project, including some open space on upper portion of property.
- ❖ College of Notre Dame - Master Plan Development, includes greening of campus, new dorms, refurbished facilities
- ❖ Belmont/Redwood Shores School District - Our public elementary schools are busy upgrading and renovating their facilities and adding new classrooms in order to prepare our students for the 21st century.



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- ❖ Notre Dame High School - Plans call for a new gymnasium, larger regulation sized swimming pool, current gym to become larger campus library, existing library to become chapel. Also includes a new sister's residence to replace facility demolished for new gymnasium.



A couple of views of the sister's residence. This building will be located adjacent to the elementary school, along the creek.



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... More

- ❖ **IHM Church** - Plans call for Sunrise Assisted Living to build new facility at corner of Raiston and Alameda, new gymnasium/multi-purpose room, improvements for rectory and church
- ❖ **Doctor's Project** - 873-883 Raiston (adjacent to Emmett House). Owners ready for preliminary design review for new commercial/retail facility.
- ❖ **Motel 6 Expansion** -Expansion of 72 additional units, permit approvals imminent, new wing should bring additional \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year of TOT (transit-occupancy tax) to Belmont coffers.

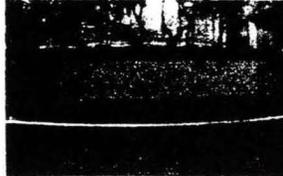


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What Else is Going On?

- ❖ Ongoing partnership relationship with elementary school district
- ❖ Mayor's goal to extend partnership to Carlmont High School

- Current partnership includes use of fields and pool, full-time officer on campus
- Extend to include public student recognition, community use of new and existing facilities, student internships, seniors on campus as tutors, increase public awareness of positive campus activities



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And ... a preview of coming attractions

- ❖ Walgreen's block redevelopment (also known as "north block")
- ❖ Redevelopment of other downtown parcels
 - Old City Hall Site
 - 6th & Emmett (across from City Hall)
 - 6th & O'Neill (across from Beli Deli)
- ❖ Twin Pines Park Lodge Upgrade
 - Handicapped accessible restrooms
 - Remodel kitchen
 - New windows, lighting, floors, paint, doors, acoustical treatment



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Emmett House Facelift



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... and if you think that's all...

- ❖ General Plan Update
- ❖ Traffic Calming Program
 - Develop policy for the utilization of a variety of traffic calming devices
 - Creates safer neighborhoods
 - Proactive rather than reactive approach to traffic solutions



❖ Farmer's Market

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Also slated ...

- ❖ Old County Road Beautification
 - Complete facelift using bond proceeds
 - Landscaping
 - Streetscape/sidewalks
 - Underground utilities
- ❖ Barrett Community Center Study



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Belmont as a Business Partner

❖ Business Retention

- Small Office/Home Office (SOHO), ongoing workshops and seminars, Small Business Administration business counseling
- Free coupon advertising in the City News
- Free workshops on marketing and customer service
- Special group advertising
- Code Enforcement
- Special events (e.g. Farmer's Market)
- Façade rebates available (matching funds)



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Business Attraction

- ❖ Identification of potential new businesses which will enhance the Belmont community
- ❖ Tax Abatements
- ❖ Land Agreements
- ❖ Identification of potential redevelopment sites
- ❖ Façade rebates



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Upgrade of City's Computer System

- ❖ Streamline Permit Process
- ❖ Code Trak
 - Track and address complaints
 - Monitor code violations
 - Record, store, retrieve complaint information
- ❖ Project Trak
 - Electronically routes new projects to all departments for review/input
- ❖ Business Trak
 - Business License Information available electronically
- ❖ CAD/RMS (Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System)
 - Enables police personnel to retrieve information with the click of a mouse



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PHEW!!!

"If things are under control,
you're not moving fast
enough."

...Mario Andretti



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