

There is a cost for a continuance of an appeal of \$50 and she would normally recommend charging it. Given the circumstances, she would recommend against charging this fee.

Councilmember Hartzell stated the Council already had the materials and she asked staff not to waste money on photocopies. The City Manager stated that was a good idea. Staff would provide the Council with only new information.

Councilmember Lundstrom asked staff to contact the Independent Journal and request that they publish an explanation of what occurred regarding this continued item.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The City Clerk certifies that this Agenda has been posted in accordance with the requirements of the Government Code

Approval of Warrants

Approval of Minutes: April 5, 2006 and April 19, 2006

Adopt Resolution No. 16/06, Establishing Authorized Positions in the Competitive Service and Assigning a Salary Range to Each Position

M/s, Lundstrom/Hartzell and approved 3-0 (Arlas and Hillmer absent) to approve the Consent Calendar with the continuation of the minutes of April 5, 2006 and April 19, 2006.

CITY MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

The City Manager stated Twin Cities Police Captain Andre Horn has announced his retirement effective June 30th. He has been with the force for over 30 years and a party will be held in his honor on Friday, July 7th. She stated last fall the distribution of court fines was found by State auditors to be inappropriate and would result in approximately \$1 million in reimbursement from the cities back to the counties. The State required an audit of the fines every three years but did not provide the funding to do the necessary work. Audits were not done until after five years and a flaw in the formula was found. The City Managers have been working with County staff to come up with a five-year repayment schedule. The payment will be in the form of a reduction in revenue. She, along with the Fire Chief, met with the representatives of the Kentfield Fire District to discuss possible consolidation. A Ross Valley Watershed Public Meeting would be held on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Sir Francis Drake High School to discuss flood control and watershed management issues. The MCCMC meeting location has changed and it would be held at Giorgio's Restaurant instead of in San Anselmo.

There will be a meeting regarding the Cal Park Tunnel on Monday in San Rafael at the Community Center. The Council will hold its budget hearing on June 7th along with Board and Commission interviews. Safe and Sober Grad Night would take place at the Mt. Tam Racquet Club. Staff continues to work on the Council Chambers sound system and recently installed a speaker in the lobby area.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Hartzell reported there would be a meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the San Rafael Council Chambers regarding SMART.

Councilmember Lundstrom encouraged everyone to attend the meeting regarding flood control at the Sir Francis Drake High School Gymnasium on Saturday. There would be an in-depth engineering analysis of why the recent flooding occurred and a discussion about short, medium, and long-term solutions.

Mayor Chu reported the JPA Oversight Committee would be asking for a \$150 increase in the annual dues to fund staff support that was previously handled by Supervisor Adams' office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joe Waldron, Monte Vista Avenue, had questions about the timeline for the posting of Public Notices. The City Manager stated the posting must be done 10 calendar days before the meeting. Mr. Waldron asked why the appeal scheduled for tonight was continued when the City Attorney determined that the posting was done properly. He was concerned about the delay. Mayor Chu stated he made the decision to continue the matter because he had been informed that many of the parties involved had made other arrangements and could not be available tonight. Mr. Waldron stated his attorney was available for tonight's meeting and had not made other plans. Mayor Chu stated he wanted to approach this issue in a fair manner given the amount of misinformation that had been circulated. Mr. Waldron asked if they were targeting the date of May 31st for the hearing. The City Manager stated staff needed to confirm that there would be a quorum. Mr. Waldron stated holding the meeting on the 31st would be his preference.

Mr. Rick Adler, William Avenue, asked the Council to file an injunction regarding the San Quentin Death Row Project. He was concerned about the services and utilities that would be needed for this new facility and he stated Bakersfield was the preferred location.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. STUDENT PRESENTATION OF MARIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION COMPETITION TO DESIGN A "COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTER" IN LARKSPUR

The City Manager presented the staff report.

Mr. Brock Wagstaff, architect, discussed the Architectural Design Competition which is open to all Marin County High School students enrolled in an architectural design class. Prizes are awarded for the best design and all participants receive certificates. He stated he designed the challenge this year and required the students to design a Community and Youth Center. Entries were judged by local architects and the winning designs were selected from a wide range of entries representing many of the local high schools. He briefly discussed the parameters for the competition. He introduced the three top contestants: Mr. Nathaniel Lara, representing Redwood High School, Mr. Thomas O'Brien, representing San Rafael High School, and Mr. Henry Richardson, representing Tamalpais High School. He also acknowledged and thanked Mr. Joe Downey, architectural instructor from Redwood High, for his participation.

Councilmember Hillmer arrived at the meeting.

The three contestants briefly discussed their projects and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Chu stated he read through the program and found it to be quite difficult. He was very impressed with the work presented. He thanked the Marin Builders Association for sponsoring the program.

Councilmember Hartzell stated the skill and dedication presented was remarkable.

Councilmember Lundstrom stated she was most impressed with the creativity displayed in the projects.

Councilmember Hillmer stated great professionalism and craftsmanship were displayed in these projects. He urged them to "keep their feet on the ground."

The Council took a 10-minute break at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. APPEAL OF DECISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ON THE REMOVAL OF 18 HERITAGE REDWOOD TREES AT 106 WILLIAM AVENUE

This item has been continued to a date uncertain.

2. AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED FROM CITY COUNCIL TO CREATE A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE UPCOMING CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The City Manager presented the staff report.

Councilmember Hillmer asked whether or not the committee would need to comply with the Brown Act. The City Manager stated an ad hoc committee formed by the Council would need to comply with the Brown Act. Councilmember Hillmer stated he would not like to delay or distract the work of the committee. The City Managers stated she would speak to the City Attorney about different ways to structure the committee to allow for more flexibility.

Mayor Chu had questions about the formation of the Larkspur Foundation. Councilmember Lundstrom stated it would take about eight more months for this group to come together.

Councilmember Lundstrom stated she would prefer some flexibility in the structure of the group to allow for an easier time to change venues, dates, times, etc.

Councilmember Hartzell agreed and stated she wanted to avoid any type of cumbersome process that could take away from the committee's camaraderie.

Councilmember Hillmer stated that Roberts Rules of Order should apply. The Council agreed. Councilmember Hartzell stated she would like to avoid having more than two members from any Board or Commission on the Committee. She would like to proceed with this matter and added some funds would soon be needed to for various activities. Councilmember Lundstrom stated she would look at the budget for the 75th Anniversary Committee. The City Manager stated she would add an amount, perhaps \$3,000 to \$4,000, in the upcoming budget.

Councilmember Hillmer asked if the size of the committee was an issue. Councilmember Hartzell stated "yes" and added she did not want too large or small a group. Representation from a wide range of interest groups was key. Councilmember Hillmer suggested they consider individuals who were not chosen various Boards or Commissions. Councilmember Lundstrom stated that was a very good idea since there was so much talent in the community.

Councilmember Hartzell asked staff if the City Hall resources (photocopy machine, mailings, etc.) could be used by the committee. The City Manager stated this was a fairly common practice and suggested partnering with the other public entities (Bon Air Shopping Center, etc.) that may want to get involved.

M/s, Hillmer/Lundstrom and approved 4-0 (Arlas absent) to authorize the formation of a Steering Committee for the upcoming Centennial Celebration.

ADJOURN MEETING

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis
Recording Secretary