

# MINUTES

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

Mayor Krolik called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Hall, 1600 Floribunda Avenue, Hillsborough, California.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Benton, Fannon, Regan, Kasten, Krolik

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the December 14, 2009 City Council meeting were approved as submitted subject to a wording change made by Mayor Krolik to Agenda Item 13 on page 8.

**PRESENTATION:**

- Councilmember Regan presented Financial Advisory Committee Member, Allason Clark, Jr., who served as a Committee Member from January 1999 through December 2009, with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for serving on the committee.

Mayor Krolik announced that in the Closed Session held earlier in the evening, the City Council approved an agreement to toll the filing period for one potential litigation matter.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

On motion of Vice Mayor Kasten, seconded by Councilmember Regan, and unanimous on voice vote, Consent Calendar items 1 through 10 were approved.

1. MONTHLY CLAIMS: DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009

The monthly claims for the month of December 2009, in the amount of \$2,969,295.45 were approved as submitted.

2. QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2009, was approved.

3. QUARTERLY INTEREST RATE PRODUCTS (SWAP) REPORT

The Interest Rate Products Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2009, was accepted.

4. RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT TO TAKE NO SALARY INCREASES IN JANUARY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010

The resolution memorializing no salary increases for any Town employee in January 2010 for calendar year 2010 was adopted.

Councilmember Benton thanked the Town employees for giving up the salary increases they were entitled and for their understanding that times are tough for the Town. Mayor Krolik, Vice Mayor Kasten, and Councilmembers Fannon and Regan also thanked the Town employees and expressed their appreciation for the Town employees' collaboration and teamwork.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT POLICE VEHICLES

The resolution approving the purchase of one 2010 Ford Escape Hybrid to replace administrative police vehicle #20 for \$29,998.97, allocated from the 2009/2010 Police Vehicle Replacement Fund, and one black and white 2010 Ford Expedition to replace supervisors unit #5 for \$35,859.14, allocated from the SLESF grant, for the total bid amount of \$65,858.11 to San Francisco Ford Lincoln Mercury of San Francisco, was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE SANITARY SEWER PIPE BURSTING PROJECT AT 312 ROBINWOOD LANE TO PACIFIC TRENCHLESS, INC.

The resolution awarding the bid for the Sanitary Sewer Pipe Bursting Project at 312 Robinwood Lane to Pacific Trenchless, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$16,849, and allocating funds from the Sewer Fund, was adopted.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH HOLMAN AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE INITIATION OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE FOR THE SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT

The resolution approving the contract with Holman and Associates for initiation of the NHPA compliance for the SCADA System Upgrade Project, not to exceed \$12,500, and allocating funds from the Water Enterprise, was adopted.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CSG WORK ORDER FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT - ADDITIONAL CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

The resolution approving the CSG work order for engineering services for the SCADA System Upgrade Project in the amount of \$7,500, and allocating the same from the Water Enterprise Fund, was adopted.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SACRAMENTO COUNTY TO SUBMIT A STATE ENERGY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

The resolution authorizing Sacramento County to submit a State Energy Program grant application on behalf of the Town of Hillsborough was adopted.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS' STATE ENERGY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

The resolution authorizing the Town of Hillsborough to participate in the ABAG SEP grant application was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

11. APPROVAL OF THE USE OF CITYGATE ASSOCIATES' SERVICES TO PERFORM A FIRE SERVICES MERGER TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT FOR THE CITIES OF SAN BRUNO, MILLBRAE, BURLINGAME AND THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

Fire Chief Don Dornell reported that in order to make final choices as to how and if to further share fire services, the cities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, and the Town of Hillsborough need an in-depth technical analysis to assess the issues regarding the personnel, pay, benefits, cost-sharing formulas and governance methods. He stated that at a recent Study Session with the Fire Board, the four City Managers recommended Citygate Associates, LLC to perform the technical analysis project, and the Fire Board directed staff to bring this to the City Councils for approval. He stated that the consultants have fire services merger design and implementation experience and that the consultants will recommend specific practical steps for the most cost and service effective sharing of fire services.

Councilmember Regan asked if Fire Station 35 in Burlingame and Fire Station 38 in Millbrae will be combined into one station. Chief Dornell replied that the two fire stations will be combined into one and relocated to a proposed new fire station at Trousdale Avenue and Skyline Boulevard which meets the response time criteria.

Mayor Krolik thanked Chief Dornell.

On motion of Councilmember Benton, seconded by Vice Mayor Kasten, and unanimous on voice vote, the City Manager was authorized to enter into an agreement with Citygate Associates, LLC for the purposes of performing a Fire Services Merger Technical Implementation Project for the cities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame and the Town of Hillsborough, and authorizing an expenditure of up to \$20,000 for this project.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MOVEMENT OF BURLINGAME AND HILLSBOROUGH FIRE EMPLOYEES TO BECOME EMPLOYEES OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES TO MIGRATE PAYROLL, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, LIABILITY INSURANCE AND CALPERS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW FOR A SINGLE OPERATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

Fire Chief Don Dornell reported that the Central County Fire Department (CCFD) fire operations of Burlingame and Hillsborough are merged while administrative functions that support the operations remain with the individual cities, causing a duplication of efforts. He stated that this issue was discussed at the May 27, 2009 Fire Board meeting, and at that time, the Fire Board directed staff to research and develop a plan to bring the organization into one payroll system, worker's compensation plan, CalPERS plan and liability insurance coverage.

Chief Dornell introduced Deputy Fire Chief Mark Ladas, Chair of the Streamline Committee, who provided a Power Point presentation on the Streamline Committee Overview. Deputy Ladas stated that the Committee's objective was to analyze administrative functions that support fire operations and evaluate areas that could be merged into a single process. He explained that the areas with dual processes included payroll, workers' compensation, and CalPERS, and he listed many additional areas with dual processes.

Deputy Ladas reported that the Committee's recommendation was to create a single entity by July 1, 2010, that allows CCFD to employ personnel and amend the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for personnel to be employees of CCFD. He reviewed the Committee's recommendation and basis for recommendation for payroll, workers comp, CalPERS, and the additional areas with dual processes.

Chief Dornell stated that the JPA did not need to be amended, but that the City Council, as a Member Partner, can agree that all personnel, with the exception of the Chief Administrative Officer, be employees of the CCFD. He added that this acknowledgement is already allowed in the JPA, but that formal acknowledgement is required by CalPERS in order for the agency to be recognized as a single employer of fire personnel.

Deputy Ladas concluded his presentation by stating that by streamlining the administrative functions, CCFD will run more efficiently, be more cost-effective and uniform, and will allow for future growth.

Mayor Krolik thanked Deputy Ladas and Chief Dornell.

Councilmember Benton asked if staff was supportive of these changes. Chief Dornell replied that staff was absolutely in support of these changes.

On motion of Councilmember Benton, seconded by Councilmember Fannon, and unanimous on voice vote, the resolution allowing Fire Department personnel, with the exception of the Chief Administrative Officer, to be employees of the Central County Fire Department and authorizing the expenditure of \$8,800 for one-time set-up costs and \$7,000 for annual service costs, was adopted.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF HILLSBOROUGH'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Public Works Director Martha DeBry stated that on November 9, 2009, Public Works informed the City Council that the Town was eligible for \$58,463 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds. She explained that the purpose of the EECBG Program is to help cities identify and fund energy efficient retrofits. She reported that an EECBG grant application has been prepared for three projects, which include indoor lighting upgrades for Town Hall, the Police Department, and the Annex building, seven water pump motor replacements, and Town Hall parking lot lighting upgrades.

Mayor Krolik thanked Ms. DeBry.

On motion of Councilmember Fannon, seconded by Vice Mayor Kasten, and unanimous on voice vote, the resolution authorizing the submittal of the Town's EECBG application to the CEC was adopted.

14. CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP: SCHEDULE HALF-DAY SESSION

City Manager Tony Constantouros stated that periodically, City Council workshops are held to discuss topics related to the Town on an informal basis. He reported that the last workshop was held approximately seven or eight years ago and worked out well. He recommended that the City Council consider holding a half-day workshop in February or March of 2010, in advance of the budget preparation process.

The City Council discussed various dates for the workshop. Mayor Krolik recommended that the date could be decided later during City Council Items.

15. RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT TO BECOME A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES)

Assistant City Manager Kathy Leroux stated that California Communities provides local governments and private entities access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing for projects to improve the overall quality of life in local communities throughout California. She added that Hillsborough must be a California Communities Program Participant in order to participate in the next agenda item, the CaliforniaFIRST Program.

Councilmember Regan asked if there was any downside to being a participant in the California Statewide Communities Development Authority. Ms. Leroux replied that there was no downside to being a participant and that there is no fiscal impact to the Town. She added that the Town can withdraw from the program at any time.

Mayor Krolik thanked Ms. Leroux.

On motion of Councilmember Benton, seconded by Councilmember Fannon, and unanimous on voice vote, the resolution approving a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to become a Program Participant of the California Communities Development Authority (California Communities) was adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIAFIRST PROGRAM

Assistant City Manager Kathy Leroux stated that the CaliforniaFIRST Program was discussed at the November 9, 2009 City Council meeting. She explained that the CaliforniaFIRST Program allows property owners to pay for energy and water efficiency improvements over time as an assessment which would be included in the

residents' property tax bill and allows the property owner to transfer the assessment obligation to a new owner upon the sale of the property.

City Attorney Norm Book stated that there is a prepayment penalty if the property owner chose to pay off the assessment early. Vice Mayor Kasten asked Mr. Book why the property owner would be penalized. Mr. Book replied that there is a prepayment penalty because paying off the assessment early is not favorable to the lender, if interest rates fall.

Mayor Krolik thanked Ms. Leroux.

Mayor Krolik opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilmember Regan, seconded by Vice Mayor Kasten, and unanimous on voice vote, the resolution authorizing Hillsborough to become a participating member agency in the CaliforniaFIRST Program was adopted.

**17. FUNDRAISING EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION 09-05 FOR CRYSTAL SPRINGS UPLANDS SCHOOL'S "MADCAP 2010" ANNUAL FUNDRAISING AUCTION**

City Clerk Miyuki Yokoyama stated that Crystal Springs Uplands School submitted a fundraising application for their annual fundraising event. The "Madcap 2010" auction would be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Crystal Springs Uplands School located at 400 Uplands Drive.

Ms. Yokoyama stated that public notices have been sent to homeowners located within a 500-foot radius of the property and no comments have been received. She added that staff recommends approval of the application subject to the restrictions and conditions of the Police, Fire and Building Departments.

Mayor Krolik opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

On motion of Vice Mayor Kasten, seconded by Councilmember Regan, and unanimous on voice vote, Fundraising Event Permit Application 09-05 for Crystal Springs Uplands School's "Madcap 2010" annual fundraising auction on Saturday, April 17, 2010, subject to the conditions recommended by staff, was approved.

**18. FUNDRAISING EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION 09-06 FOR NUEVA SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION**

City Clerk Miyuki Yokoyama stated that Nueva School submitted a fundraising application for their benefit auction to be held on Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Nueva School located at 6565 Skyline Boulevard.

Ms. Yokoyama stated that public notices have been sent to homeowners located within a 500-foot radius of the property and no comments have been received. She added that staff recommends approval of the application subject to the restrictions and conditions of the Police, Fire and Building Departments.

Mayor Krolik opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilmember Fannon, seconded by Vice Mayor Kasten, and unanimous on voice vote, Fundraising Event Permit Application 09-06 for the Nueva School Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 27, 2010, subject to the conditions recommended by staff, was approved.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

19. HUNGRY OWL PROJECT: NATURAL CONTROL OF RODENTS

Public Works Director Martha DeBry introduced Eagle Scout Corey Sullivan and Assistant Public Works Superintendent David Ballestrasse. Mr. Sullivan stated that he built the owl houses last fall to naturally control rodents. He stated that materials for the project were donated by companies and private donors. He thanked Mr. Ballestrasse for installing the owl houses on sixteen-foot poles strategically placed approximately one square mile from each other.

Councilmember Regan asked when the owl houses were installed. Mr. Ballestrasse replied that the owl houses were installed in November 2009.

Vice Mayor Kasten asked if the thirteen owl houses installed will cover the entire Town or if there were dead spots. Mr. Ballestrasse replied that owl houses are needed in other locations and that he has received requests to install the owl houses on residents' properties, but that he has had to turn down some locations due to being too close to an existing owl house.

Councilmember Regan asked what is inside of the owl houses. Mr. Sullivan stated that there is nothing in the owl houses yet, but that the owl houses will require an annual cleaning during the months of October and November to remove nesting material.

Mayor Krolik stated that an article will be included in the Town newsletter on how residents can request the installation of an owl house on their property.

Vice Mayor Kasten stated that it would be worthwhile for someone who lives in the area to monitor the usage of the owl houses. Mr. Sullivan indicated that another Eagle Scout candidate may undertake follow-up work for this project.

Mayor Krolik thanked Mr. Sullivan for his excellent Eagle Scout project and added that Mr. Sullivan spent a lot of time soliciting donations for the owl house project. She also thanked Mr. Ballestrasse and the Public Works team that installed the owl houses.

Mr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Ballestrasse and the City Council.

20. CRYSTAL SPRINGS UPLANDS SCHOOL FIRST ANNUAL 5K "GRY-FUN" RUN

Police Captain Mark O'Connor reported that the Crystal Springs Uplands School (CSUS) community will host the first annual 5K "Gry-Fun" Run on Sunday, January 31, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. He provided a map showing the course that runs from Uplands Drive, Rockridge Road, Sierra Drive, El Cerrito Avenue, Brentwood Road, Hayne Road, Poett Road, Roblar Avenue, DeSabra Road, Baywood Avenue, and back to Uplands Drive. He stated that approximately 200 people will be running and walking through the streets of Hillsborough surrounding the CSUS campus at 400 Uplands Drive. He added that volunteers and Hillsborough Police personnel will be stationed at various intersections along the route to facilitate traffic flow. He reported that signage will be positioned on traffic barricades in the area several days prior to the event. He added that a neighborhood letter went out to residents within 1,500 feet of CSUS.

Captain O'Connor introduced "Gry-Fun" Run Co-Chairs Linda Feng and Sharon Lexa Galvin. Ms. Galvin invited the City Council to join them in the "Gry-Fun" Run.

Mayor Krolik thanked Ms. Galvin, Ms. Feng, and Captain O'Connor.

21. CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE AND INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Director of Building and Planning Liz Cullinan introduced Mike Garvey, Caltrain Outreach Coordinator for San Mateo County. Mr. Garvey provided a Power Point Presentation on the update of the California High Speed Rail and the Peninsula Rail Program.

Mr. Garvey reported that results achieved by improvements during 2000 to 2008 included running 98 trains per day, offering three types of service (express “Baby Bullet” from San Francisco to San Jose in under 60 minutes, limited, and local), offering diesel push-pull service, and accommodating 46,000 riders per weekday and 2,600 bicycles per weekday.

Mr. Garvey reviewed the challenges of planning for the future, which include the infrastructure, signal system, and diesel vehicle technology limit capacity, the tripled demand from regional growth, Transbay Transit Center and High Speed Rail, the fact that the majority of the fleet is due for replacement by 2015, and uncertain funding commitment or sources.

Mr. Garvey stated that the plan for Caltrain 2025 includes European-style rolling stock, safer train design, grade separations, and positive train control, but added that there is no secure funding. He explained that voters approved \$9.95 billion in bonds to build the high-speed rail in California and that Phase 1 - Development includes the route from San Francisco to San Jose. He compared the Caltrain and high-speed rail systems and stated that the Caltrain system requires grade crossing improvements and the high-speed rail system needs a grade separated system. He explained the new partnership of Caltrain and the Peninsula Rail Corridor and Peninsula Rail Program Organization. He presented the vision of a new San Francisco Transbay Transit Center, San Jose Diridon Station, Redwood City Station, and Caltrain Electric Multiple Units.

Mr. Garvey reviewed the need for additional funding and more time required for the increased scope of work. He explained that it must be determined what is feasible and what is achievable to come up with the optimal solution. He explained that Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) fosters mutually beneficial outcomes because it provides transit facilities that fit the setting, preserves and enhances scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, enhances safety and mobility, and promotes transit-oriented development and sustainable, livable communities. He explained the need to balance the diverse stakeholder input, which includes transportation agencies, environmental agencies and interests, the public, cities, Caltrain, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

Mr. Garvey introduced Bruce Fukuji, Caltrain Outreach Director. Mr. Fukuji stated that the CSS process can achieve both functional and contextual goals. He provided before and after photos of Fort Washington Way, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He stated that CSS opportunities include the functional and context goals of reduced travel time, increased capacity and multi-modal connectivity, enhanced connectivity, neighborhood compatibility, and quality of life.

Mr. Fukuji explained the project schedule for the years 2009 through 2011 for alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering, context issues/opportunities, design options for alignment and stations, evaluation alternatives, draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and draft final EIR/EIS preferred alternative.

Mr. Fukuji reviewed the high-speed train dates for public input for project scoping, workshops on alternatives analysis and proposed stations, ongoing meetings with stakeholders, draft EIR/EIS, comment period, and final EIR.

Mayor Krolik thanked Mr. Fukuji.

Vice Mayor Kasten stated that trains in other countries are able to run at 300 miles per hour and asked why the proposed high-speed rail system trains do not reach that

speed. Mr. Garvey replied that the proposed high-speed rail system trains technically cannot go 300 miles per hour.

Councilmember Benton asked where the money will come from to fund the project. Mr. Garvey replied that the bond that was approved is not enough to cover the \$42.6 billion cost of the project. He stated that bond agencies are willing to lend the money, but that the funding will not be known until all eight EIRs are completed by December 2011, which he stated will be a challenge.

Mayor Krolik stated that Burlingame High School parents are concerned about their beginner drivers crossing the intersections near the high school and asked if the tracks will be elevated or tunneled. Mr. Garvey replied that at this time alternatives were being developed, which included a variety of alternatives including elevation and tunneling.

Mr. Fukuji stated that the High Speed Rail Board needs the participation of the Peninsula community as the consensus of the community is important to meet the communities' needs and best interests.

Mayor Krolik asked if anyone in the public wished to speak on the matter. There were no comments.

Mayor Krolik thanked Mr. Garvey and Mr. Fukuji.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **22. OVERVIEW OF THE DRAFT TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

Assistant City Manager Kathy Leroux reported that two years ago, the City Council adopted a resolution to expand Hillsborough's efforts to be a more sustainable community and formed the Sustainable Hillsborough Task Force. She stated that the Task Force, Kathleen Gallagher, CSG consultant, and staff have met almost monthly. She added that two City Councilmembers are also members of the Task Force. She stated that there have been several accomplishments, including Greening Your Home events hosted at Town Hall, the solar discount program along with solar educational presentations, and the Green Building Ordinance, which has been used as a model throughout the county. She reported that most recently, the Town was mentioned very favorably in the Cool Cities Local Government Climate Action Survey of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, which was prepared by the Sierra Club. She added that she just learned Sustainable San Mateo County announced the winner of the Green Building award is a home on Seabury Road, and the architect, Randy Grange, is a member of the Sustainable Task Force.

Ms. Leroux stated that the Town completed its greenhouse gas inventories and that information is the key to setting goals to achieve the reduction targets of AB32, California's Global Warming Solutions Act. She stated that the draft Climate Action Plan is a tool to guide the Town now and in the future to help achieve the goal of reducing greenhouse gases.

Ms. Leroux introduced Kathleen Gallagher to review the key points in the plan and the two phases of recommendations.

Ms. Gallagher provided a Power Point presentation. She stated that the executive summary for the Climate Action Plan is a framework of action to meet statewide greenhouse gas reduction targets and is in response to AB32 (which requires a 15% reduction by 2020 and 80% reduction by 2050). She added that the summary covers community and municipal inventory, the emissions reduction target, the implementation plan, and program recommendations. She explained that Phase 1 includes education and promotion and a higher greenhouse gas reduction, and Phase 2 includes more mandatory components (if necessary), such as energy efficiency and



water conservation, waste reduction and recycling, education and promotion, and municipal operations.

Ms. Gallagher stated that Hillsborough had greenhouse gas emissions of 82,724 metric tons in 2005, which includes 55% from residential, 38.8% from transportation, 3.8% from commercial (fire, police, schools, and two private clubs), and 2.4% from waste. She stated that the “business-as-usual” projection is 95,625 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

Ms. Gallagher stated that Phase 1, which is to be implemented before 2012, and begins with the Residential Energy Conservation Policy, includes incentives for home energy assessments, energy/water efficiency checklist/rebates, partnership with the school district for climate outreach, a sustainable community group, and consideration of a part-time Sustainability Coordinator. She stated that the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Financing Program includes a finance mechanism for energy efficiency/renewable energy installation. She added that Phase 1 also includes researching gray water, encouraging landscape conservation workshops, adding a mobile water flushing filtration unit, expanding the Landscape Conservation Program, upgrading the recycling service to weekly collection with a single stream and yard waste, organics and food program, expanding the Town’s Sustainable Purchasing Policy, and considering amending the General Plan to further enhance sustainable policies and goals.

Ms. Gallagher reviewed Phase 2, which could be implemented from 2012 to 2020, and includes considering a residential energy conservation ordinance, considering modifying the residential water rate structure, encouraging gray water/dual plumbing in new construction or major remodels, and implementing new methods to expand solar/renewable energy installations.

Ms. Gallagher stated that potential funding sources could be grant funds, permit fees, General fund, or an increase in the garbage franchise fee. She stated that the next steps for the Climate Action Plan would include grant writing, community outreach, expanding sustainable practices in each department, coordinating with regional climate adaption groups, and monitoring the progress periodically toward the 2020 target. She stated that approval of the Climate Action Plan and adoption of the resolution regarding the General Plan inclusion of sustainable policies/goals will be requested at the February 8, 2010 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Fannon stated that Hillsborough is the largest water user on the Peninsula and asked if the Task Force would be working with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA). Ms. Gallagher replied that she has used their resources significantly for the implementation of the new water conservation program that is included in the draft Climate Action Plan.

Councilmember Benton asked how greenhouse gas emissions relate to water conservation. Ms. Gallagher replied that greenhouse gas emissions relate to water conservation because of the emissions from the transportation, cleaning of water, and energy used to pump the water to its destination.

Councilmember Benton stated that there were a lot of statistics and asked where the numbers came from. Ms. Gallagher replied that the 82,000 baseline number was from the California Air Resources Board and that the inventory followed the standards adopted by the Air Resources Board.

Councilmember Benton stated that the Town cannot control transportation on Highway 280 or 82 and the Town should not have to force homeowners to be impacted by the cost of reducing emission, as some people do not agree that there is a global warming problem.

Vice Mayor Kasten complimented the Climate Action Plan format and agreed that there is national debate about global warming. He stated that there is a cost to be

green. He stated that it would be helpful to explore ways to encourage the reduction of emissions, such as the installation of a more efficient heating system. Mr. Kasten recommended promoting cost-saving opportunities for residents to encourage participation.

Councilmember Regan stated that he had completed a home energy audit and retrofit and was able to reduce natural gas consumption significantly.

Mayor Krolik stated that the intent of the Climate Action Plan is to reduce greenhouse gases, while preserving and maintaining the character of the Town. Mayor Krolik thanked Ms. Leroux for being committed to the effort and she also thanked Ms. Gallagher, the Task Force, and the Building and Planning staff.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Krolik opened the Public Comment.

Ada Regan thanked the City Councilmember that questioned the accuracy of the Town's greenhouse gas emission numbers. She stated that the numbers could be way off, just as she received a notice from the Town that her property has 25,000 square feet of landscaping, which is not even the size of her lawn. She stated that global warming is a fraud and that if the Town reduces carbon dioxide emissions, there would be no trees or plants. She stated that she is a practical person and that her garbage is so small because she recycles all the green waste on her property and also composts. She cautioned the Town not to be sucked into this notion of global warming and was glad that the figures were questioned, as they were not accurate.

Mayor Krolik closed the Public Comment.

#### **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS:**

The City Council selected Friday, February 19, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to hold the half-day City Council Workshop.

Mayor Krolik announced that the Council of Cities Dinner/Meeting will be held on Friday, January 29, 2010, in Hillsborough, and all the Councilmembers announced that they will be attending.

Mayor Krolik thanked the Police Department for allowing her to ride along in a patrol car on New Year's Eve, a tradition started by former Mayor Mullooly.

City Engineer Cyrus Kianpour announced that there was a Public Hearing on the Crystal Springs Pipeline No. 2 Replacement Project on January 7, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Krolik thanked Police Executive Assistant LeAnn Thornton for her help with the Activities Committee.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Mayor Krolik adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.