

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011

Mayor Kasten called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Hall, 1600 Floribunda Avenue, Hillsborough, California.

ROLL CALL: Present: Kasten, Benton, Krolik, Chuang, May

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 14, 2011 City Council meeting were approved as submitted.

Mayor Kasten announced that in Closed Session, the City Council unanimously approved a separation agreement and release in settlement of a dispute with a Town employee. He stated that the agreement provides that the Town shall make a payment to the employee in exchange for a release of any claims.

RECOGNITION:

- Director of Building and Planning Liz Cullinan recognized Farro Essalat, a Hillsborough resident and architect, who was recently interviewed and selected for publication in the newest edition of "Perspectives on Design California", a publication, which includes information about and photographs of the State's finest architects, homebuilders, landscape architects, interior designers, artisans, craftsmen, and other industry specialists. Mr. Essalat thanked the City Council and Ms. Cullinan for the recognition. He stated that the recognition is encouragement and incentive for good architecture and design in Town. Mayor Kasten thanked Mr. Essalat for representing great architecture in Hillsborough.

PRESENTATION:

- Mayor Kasten presented Dr. Lin Ho, who served as a Committee Member of the Architecture and Design Review Board from May 2008, through January 2011, with a Certificate of Appreciation. Dr. Ho thanked Mayor Kasten for the kind words and he thanked the City Council for the opportunity to be of service to the community. He stated that he could not have served on the ADRB without the terrific staff, including Director of Building and Planning Liz Cullinan and Associate Planner Serena Ponzo.

PROCLAMATION:

- Mayor Kasten proclaimed March 2011, as American Red Cross Month. Tricia Clement, a member of the Red Cross Bay Area Leadership Council, thanked the City Council for the proclamation and reviewed some of the accomplishments of the American Red Cross Bay Area. She invited the City Council to the Heroes Breakfast scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2011.

Item 3 of the Consent Calendar was removed for discussion. On motion of Councilmember Krolik, seconded by Vice Mayor Benton, and unanimous on voice vote, Consent Calendar items 1, 2 and 4 - 6 were approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MONTHLY CLAIMS: FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2011

The monthly claims for February 2011, in the amount of \$2,271,652.66 were approved as submitted.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES WITH DIEMER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

The resolution authoring an agreement for engineering consulting services with Diemer and Associates, Inc. was adopted.

3. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARDED TO THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,992 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A MULTI-FACETED OUTREACH PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE TOWN RESIDENTS TO INCREASE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF THEIR HOMES

Mayor Krolik thanked staff for their wonderful efforts in obtaining almost \$20,000 to develop and implement a multi-faceted outreach program to encourage Town residents to increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

On motion of Councilmember Krolik, seconded by Vice Mayor Benton, and unanimous on voice vote, the resolution accepting the Energy Upgrade California grant was adopted and staff was directed to implement the program as outlined in the project summary.

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CSG WORK ORDER FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2011 SANITARY SEWER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

The resolution approving the CSG work order for engineering services related to the 2011 Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$102,600 and allocating funds from the Sewer Fund was adopted.

5. RESOLUTION ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE 2009-2010 SANITARY SEWER CLEANING AND VIDEO INSPECTION PROJECT – PHASE VII (A)

The resolution allocating additional funds to the 2009-2010 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Video Inspection Project – Phase VII (A) in the amount of \$58,000 and allocating the same from the Sewer Fund was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION ALLOCATING UP TO \$32,000 FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE FAILED SEWER MAIN CREEK CROSSING ADJACENT TO 739 EL CERRITO AVENUE

The resolution allocating up to \$32,000 from the Sewer Fund for the emergency repair of the failed sanitary sewer main creek crossing adjacent to 739 El Cerrito Avenue was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

7. FUNDRAISING EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION 11-01 FOR THE PARCA AUXILIARY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

City Clerk Miyuki Yokoyama stated that the Parca Auxiliary submitted a fundraising application for their annual luncheon and fashion show scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 3250 Ralston Avenue.

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 conditions of the Police, Fire and Building Departments.

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

On motion of Councilmember Krolik, seconded by Councilmember May, and unanimous on voice vote, Fundraising Event Permit Application 11-01 for the Parca Auxiliary Luncheon and Fashion Show on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, subject to the conditions recommended by staff, was approved.

8. FUNDRAISING EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION 11-02 FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAGUE KITCHEN TOUR

City Clerk Miyuki Yokoyama stated that the Community Service League submitted a fundraising application for their kitchen tour scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 621 Woodstock Road, 2125 Geri Lane, 324 Barbara Way, 714 Jacaranda Drive, and 115 Rockridge Drive.

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

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

On motion of Councilmember May, seconded by Councilmember Chuang, and unanimous on voice vote, Fundraising Event Permit Application 11-02 for the Community Service League Kitchen Tour on Friday, May 13, 2011, subject to the conditions recommended by staff, was approved.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING SERVICES AND SETTING FEES FOR UNSCHEDULED SERVICES

Assistant City Manager Katharine Leroux stated that at its meeting on January 10, 2011, the City Council reviewed proposed refuse rate options and that staff was authorized to distribute a notice of intent to increase rates by a maximum of 25% and set the special service fees as proposed in the Recology franchise agreement. She reported that to date, 48 written protests were received. Ms. Leroux explained that as required by Proposition 218, a public hearing is required to allow protests in person and that at the close of the public hearing the City Clerk will acknowledge the information on the protests received.

Ms. Leroux stated that a corrected resolution was handed out to the Councilmembers with the effective date changed to March 1, 2011, to reflect the Proposition 218 notice. She further stated that Exhibit A will be amended to include four ranges of charges rather than three under the “Additional Targeted Recyclable Materials”, which is shown on pages 103 and 110 of the City Council agenda packet.

Ms. Leroux introduced Cliff Feldman, Recycling Programs Manager of the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) and she stated that he would provide a brief presentation and would also address questions. She added that representatives from Recology were also available to answer questions.

Mr. Feldman stated that his slide presentation would be responses to questions asked by residents in the letters of protest. He reported that at the January 10, 2011 City Council meeting, Town staff presented two rate scenarios for 2011 with Option A proposing a 32% increase and Option B proposing a 23% increase. He stated that the City Council decided at that meeting to notice a maximum increase in solid waste rates by 25%.

Mr. Feldman responded to the letters from residents who said that “carts are eyesores” by stating that the Town elected to retain the old compost carts used by Allied Waste to save money. He stated that the new Recology black garbage carts and blue recycle carts were chosen to be standard colors across the entire service area to decrease costs and provide the opportunity to have one uniform public education message. He explained that the colors were selected with input from many sources, including public comment and agency feedback. He added that curbside cart placement was selected roughly five years ago through an exhaustive public process with representatives from each of the twelve SBWMA member agencies, who ultimately made all of the decisions on the type of new services and general contract terms.

Mr. Feldman responded to the letters from residents with concerns about rats, possums and raccoons by stating that while residents may believe that the new services result in additional vector issues, similar programs implemented throughout the State and elsewhere have not experienced these results. He further stated that, for example, the City of San Carlos implemented the weekly collection of food scraps and yard trimmings two years ago, and while these types of concerns were expressed early on, they did not come to fruition over time. He explained that whether food scraps are voluntarily segregated and placed in the compost cart for weekly collection or commingled in garbage and placed out for weekly collection, the bottom line is that this material is still being generated and placed for collection weekly either way. He added that residents can also use Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable bags for the food scraps.

Mr. Feldman responded to the residents who were asking how can SBWMA say that they are providing better service when residents have to follow instructions of where and how to leave the carts. He explained that there is a 50% increase in recycle and compost collection service levels (i.e., every other week collection to weekly collection). He stated that single-stream recycling makes participation significantly more convenient for residents, which in turn increases recycling (and reduces greenhouse gas emissions). He added that many new recycle and compost materials are accepted, again increasing convenience and recycling. He stated that the new programs will result in more diversion of materials from landfill, which provides both short and long-term financial gains. He further stated that increased recycling should allow residents to reduce their garbage service level (e.g., from 64 gallons to 32 gallons) and save money.

Mr. Feldman responded to the letters from residents about the confusion of separating items into the carts by stating that the single-stream blue recycle cart greatly simplifies the recycling aspect of the services by allowing residents for the first time to not worry about separating paper products from cans / bottles and instead, all of these items are recycled via a "single-stream" in the one blue recycle cart. With regards to the black garbage cart vs. the green compost cart, he explained that the SBWMA has strived to make this as simple as possible by allowing residents to place anything compostable into the green compost cart. He stated that this now includes food scraps from the kitchen along with yard trimmings that residents have come to expect can be composted. He added that numerous brochures are available that explain in detail what goes into each cart and that information is also available on the SBWMA's website, RethinkWaste.org.

Mr. Feldman responded to the residents who were asking why labor costs are increasing when they should be decreasing by stating that the employee head count did decrease substantially from the Allied contract to the new Recology contract due to approximately 50 fewer employees, but the hourly rates paid for labor increases annually based on the collective bargaining agreements currently in place, which have increased approximately 4% per year. He added that these same rates would have been paid regardless of the contractor, Allied or Recology. He explained that once the current labor contracts expire, the labor wage and benefit costs in the future will be tied to a consumer price index irrespective of the wages and benefits negotiated between the local Teamsters union and Recology. He stated that these labor contracts are between the garbage company (formerly Allied and now Recology) and the unions only, as neither the SBWMA nor any of the cities have any direct say in negotiating these contracts since only the company and the union are the parties to these labor contracts.

Mr. Feldman responded to the residents who were asking how the commodity revenues generated from recycled materials benefit the residents. He explained that as one of the twelve SBWMA members, Hillsborough residents receive the benefit from the revenue generated from the sale of recyclables since all of the materials collected by Recology are delivered to the SBWMA-owned Shoreway Environmental Center. He reported that all of the recyclables are sorted into their various saleable commodities and the revenue generated from selling these valuable commodities is

used to offset the operating costs of the transfer station and recycling plant or materials recovery facility that makes up the Shoreway Environmental Center. He stated that while the value of commodities fluctuates, commodity revenue currently reduces the total collection costs by approximately 5%.

Mr. Feldman responded to the letters from residents with complaints about approving the previous contract with Allied with a guaranteed profit of 9% by stating that the previous franchise agreement with Allied Waste (formerly BFI) dates back several decades. He explained that providing a profit (or operating ratio) of 9% on the allowable expenses was not uncommon for this type of “cost-plus” contract. He added that many jurisdictions throughout the Bay Area and beyond have had similar contracts in the past and most have now gone away from the “cost-plus” model contract to a “fixed price” contract as the new franchise agreement with Recology is structured.

Mr. Feldman responded to the letters from residents with complaints about the previous contract with Allied and deferring payment leaving a \$317,000 shortfall by saying that the \$317,000 shortfall with Allied Waste for 2010 is the result of a handful of factors. He stated that there was a \$93,000 projected balance for 2010; however, it grew to \$317,000. He reported that there is a \$63,000 higher balance for 2009, due to higher maintenance, insurance, workers’ compensation, and labor costs. He stated that \$98,000 less revenue was collected. He further stated that there was a \$64,000 increase in the cost for service in 2010, primarily due to a higher workers’ compensation expense. He explained that there were more workers’ compensation claims at higher costs than in past years. In addition, he stated that because 2010 is the last year of the Allied contract, the pay-as-you-go method used in the past had to be adjusted to account for the cost of 2010 claims that will close in future years, basically doubling the current year’s expense. Mr. Feldman reported that there is no balancing account with the new contract with Recology. The Councilmembers and Mr. Feldman further discussed the \$317,000 shortfall.

Mr. Feldman responded to the residents asking why the proposal is for a 25% increase when the last rate increase was in 2009 for an 8% increase by saying that the 32.1% SBWMA recommended rate increase included a 2% impact on rates due to a drop in revenue from prior projections, a 22.8% impact due to the Recology 2011 collection costs being higher than the Allied 2010 collection cost, a 3.1% impact due to the migration of customers to smaller carts, which results in reducing the revenue generated that is needed to pay the collection services contractor, and a 3.3% impact due to owing a balance to Allied for past services. He explained that that includes higher costs for Allied in 2010 primarily due to higher workers’ compensation expenses. He stated that there were more workers’ compensation claims at higher costs than in past years, and because 2010 is the last year of the Allied contract, the pay-as-you-go method used in the past had to be adjusted to account for the cost of 2010 workers’ compensation claims that will close in future years, basically doubling the current year’s expense. He stated that a 7.1 % reduction in the recommended rate increase is due to the City Council action taken on January 10, 2011, to notice a maximum increase in waste rates of 25%. The Councilmembers and Mr. Feldman discussed the impact on rates due to a drop in revenue. Mr. Feldman stated that he would provide information on the 2% impact on rates due to a drop in revenue from prior projections.

Mr. Feldman introduced Mario Puccinelli, General Manager of Recology, and Gino Gasparini, Operations Manager of Recology. Mr. Puccinelli reported that the overall recycling diversion rate has increased with the weekly recyclable materials and organic materials program.

Mayor Kasten opened the public hearing.

Resident Ada Regan stated that the new garbage service is a disgusting thing and that she feels that Hillsborough has turned into a garbage dump with all the garbage cans on the curb. She asked how do you dispose of paper products. Mr. Feldman replied

that paper products can be recycled. Ms. Regan stated that there is lots of money in the garbage business and that Recology was not losing money. She further stated that residents have to do all the work as garbage sorters. She noted that we will not run out of space for dumping garbage and that we can make use of the fill, as San Mateo County put cities over landfill. She expressed her concern that overripe tomatoes carry bacteria that will spread when composted. She stated that it was an insult that Recology says that they are losing money and not making a profit, as she knows that they are in a very prosperous business. Mayor Kasten thanked Ms. Regan for her comments.

Resident George Outland stated that he survived garbage service with BFI and Allied Waste. He reported that he received a letter and a check from Allied Waste for a refund for garbage services and provided a copy to the City Clerk. He stated that he had a vacation hold arrangement with Allied Waste whereby if he had no garbage to dispose of, there was no charge for that week. He expressed that he wanted to keep the same vacation hold arrangement with Recology.

Resident George Stallos stated that the Town portrayed the garbage service with Recology to be cost-savings to residents, but the Town now wants residents to pay an increase of 25% for garbage services.

Resident Al Schmidt stated that he has been a resident of Hillsborough for fifty years. He further stated that he submitted a letter of protest that had three questions that should be answered before the City Council votes on the proposed rate increase. He asked if the expensive weekly pick up is needed for all kinds of solid waste as residents got by with pick up every other week, which worked beautifully. He added that with the weekly service, it is a time-consuming chore to get everything ready for pick up. He stated that he used to tie his newspapers in bundles for paper drives and doing this again could eliminate the need for expensive weekly collections and conveyer belt sorting. He asked if residents of Hillsborough are happy with the services that they have been receiving from Recology. He expressed that he was happy with the service that he had been receiving from Allied Waste. He asked if Recology has enough working capital to carry out their ambitious plans without having to beg for additional increases. He reported that he heard about the fans, conveyor belts, and magnets, which are not cheap to sort the recyclables. He stated that residents got used to sorting recyclables in the bins that Allied Waste provided and that worked quite well. He further stated that the new scavenger company advertised all kinds of savings and should have realized that the once a week pick up service requires the use of more gasoline. He reported that Recology's automated truck broke the wheels on his garbage carts and it took a while to get replacement carts. He stated that he finds it difficult to push the heavy black and blue carts so he arranged for pick up service in front of his garage, but that it took Recology a month, after repeated requests, to empty the blue cart. He expressed that he has not been very happy with Recology. Mayor Kasten thanked Mr. Schmidt for his comments.

Resident Carole Malik stated that she listened carefully to Recology, but feels that Recology has called all the shots and that they are telling the Town how it is going to be, which is not right. She reported that Atherton is proposing to increase rates 36% and asked if that was a bad joke or what. She explained that with her teacher's pension, the Town should offer a tiered rate for seniors and low income residents like San Bruno does, as the rate increase is intolerable and unbelievable for low income residents. She expressed that Hillsborough should have negotiated a tiered rate with Recology for disabled and low income residents. She stated that because people cannot explain how the rates are calculated for the rate schedule, it is swept under the carpet. She asked how the Recology employees were able to get a 4% increase for two consecutive years. She stated that Recology is calling all the shots and that more research needs to be done on the rate increases. She added that Recology is more unfair than Comcast. She also expressed that it is too easy to get upset with the Water Department notice for an increase in water and sewer charges.

Resident Gary Bennett stated that he needs to read more newspapers and drink more booze to fill the recyclable cart and asked what was wrong with the recyclable pick up of every other week. He reported that the 20-gallon garbage cart was poorly designed as it was almost impossible to fit anything into it, but fortunately he does not have much garbage to dispose of.

Resident Jane Field stated that she has her garbage down to a quart a week and switched from the 32-gallon service to the 20-gallon service and saves about \$10 per month. She suggested getting children involved in sorting the garbage for a \$10 allowance. She reported that bio bags solve the problem of ants and other bugs. She stated that she felt that placing the carts in the street could cause an accident.

Mayor Kasten closed the public hearing.

Mayor Kasten reported that the agreement with Recology was not on a fast track as it involved many hours and meetings. He stated that the City Council and staff reviewed the finances and sent out a survey to Hillsborough residents about the kinds of service needed and received input from the residents.

Vice Mayor Benton thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their thoughts. He reported that he has been on the City Council since December of 2008, and was asked to serve on the subcommittee to delve into the SBWMA contract, where he spent many hours in San Carlos and learned a lot about the importance of recycling. He stated that the more we keep out of the landfill is good, as it saves money because it is expensive to bury trash and that there is lots of money in recycling. He reported that the largest export is recycled paper and that the SBWMA does receive money for recyclables, which offsets the collection cost. He explained that residents are paying for refuse pick up, but that the cost would be a lot more if they did not recycle. He stated that weekly pick up service bothered him because it would cost more, but in the end supported weekly pick up service because for just a couple of bucks a month, it was the right thing to do. He explained that his duty as a Councilmember was ultimately to make the right decision. He stated that he was surprised at the SBWMA's recommendation to raise rates by 32%, but the City Council proposes a 25% increase instead. Vice Mayor Benton stated that he supported the 25% increase for the reasons he just discussed.

Councilmember Krolik stated that she was Mayor last year and that the refuse and recycling service agreement with Recology was presented as a cost-saving opportunity. She reported that the service with Recology can be a cost-savings to residents, if residents reduce the number of carts or reduce the size of the carts. She stated that the longer we can keep Ox Mountain, our local landfill, the longer we can keep the rates down, as using other landfills will be more expensive. She reported that she felt blindsided by the SBWMA because the SBWMA should have foreseen Allied Waste's cost increases. She added that contractually Recology is obligated to pay the salary increases for their employees.

Councilmember May stated that he did downsize to the smallest garbage cart and that he was enthusiastic about using the recyclable and compost carts, which are working very well. He reported that diverting material away from Ox Mountain prevents spending approximately \$100 more per ton to take garbage to another landfill.

Mayor Kasten asked City Clerk Miyuki Yokoyama to present the protests received against the proposed refuse rate increase. Ms. Yokoyama reported that pursuant to Proposition 218, the proposed refuse rates will not be adopted if more than 50% of the affected property owners submit written requests protesting the proposed rates. She stated that written requests could be mailed, faxed or hand-delivered through the conclusion of the public hearing. She added that since there are 4,011 property owners within the Town's refuse collection service area, 50% of this number plus 1, or 2,006 valid protests, would prevent the Town from adopting the proposed refuse rates. She reported that the Town received only 49 protests filed following the requirements of Proposition 218, but 12 of those protests did not include the Assessor's Parcel

Number or address. Ms. Yokoyama stated that since only 49 protests were received, the Town would be able to adopt the proposed refuse rates. Mayor Kasten thanked Ms. Yokoyama.

On motion of Vice Mayor Benton, seconded by Councilmember Krolik, and unanimous on voice vote, the resolution approving a maximum rate increase of 25% and rates for the unscheduled service fees listed in Exhibit A effective March 1, 2011, with the change discussed earlier in the meeting regarding four categories rather than three for “Additional Targeted Recyclable Materials”, was adopted.

10. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH – ADOPTION

Human Resources Specialist Kristin Armbruster reported that the Police Unit agreed to increase the employee's contribution to their retirement. She stated that CalPERS requires that the Town adopt an ordinance authorizing the amendment. She added that the ordinance was introduced at the February 14, 2011 City Council meeting and is before the City Council tonight for adoption.

Mayor Kasten thanked Ms. Armbruster.

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

On motion of Councilmember Krolik, seconded by Councilmember May, and unanimous on voice vote, the ordinance authorizing the amendment to the contract between CalPERS and the City Council of the Town of Hillsborough was adopted.

Mayor Kasten thanked the Hillsborough Police Department for their collaboration in helping to ensure that the Town operates with a balanced budget.

DISCUSSION:

11. DIRECTOR OF RECREATION: DISCUSSION OF LEADERSHIP MATRIX AND JOB DESCRIPTION

City Manager Anthony Constantouros reported that this agenda item was on the City Council agenda to provide the City Council the opportunity to have input into the hiring process for the Director of Recreation prior to the Recreation Commission meeting already scheduled. He stated that Councilmembers Krolik and May serve on the Recreation Commission.

Mayor Kasten asked if there were any questions.

Councilmember Krolik stated that the Hillsborough City School District was looking for someone familiar with a preschool program. She further stated that the Town needs a Director of Recreation committed and enthusiastic about the adult recreation program.

Mayor Kasten stated that items 5 and 7 of the job description on page 125 of the City Council agenda packet should include “evaluate” as part of the essential functions of the Director of Recreation.

Mr. Constantouros suggested that the Councilmembers forward any other comments or ideas to him for the hiring of the new Director of Recreation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilmember Krolik asked if the T-Mobile cell site lease agreement for the Darrell tank site had been finalized. City Attorney Norm Book replied that the agreement is still being finalized.

Mayor Kasten announced that the Council of Cities Dinner/Meeting will be held in the City of Foster City on Friday, March 25, 2011. Mayor Kasten, Vice Mayor Benton and Councilmember Chuang announced that they would be attending.

Mayor Kasten announced that he would be attending the League of California Cities Dinner on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Councilmember Krolik announced that she would be attending the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Vice Mayor Benton announced that the Central County Fire Department would be holding a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the possible merger of the Hillsborough, Burlingame, Millbrae and San Bruno Fire Departments.

Mayor Kasten acknowledged the Hillsborough Police Department for their quick work in recovering two stolen paintings valued at \$650,000.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Kasten adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.