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REDWOOD CITY

City approves \$6.1M in cuts

Higher parking rates, less fire staffing make up part of 2010-11 budget

BY SHAUN BISHOP
Daily News Staff Writer

A fire engine company will be taken out of service and parks maintenance will be reduced in Redwood City after the city council approved \$6.1 million in budget cuts Monday night.

Council members said the cuts in the \$75.4 million budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year — including the elimination of 20 vacant positions and 15 filled jobs out of a work force of 560 — represented their best efforts to make the city live within

its means and fix most of a \$6.8 million deficit.

"The result really is a budget that is very difficult," Council Member Barbara Pierce said. "It balances, but there's certainly nothing to be terribly happy about in it."

The budget passed Monday night after 13 hours of council study sessions over the past month, in which much of the discussion focused on reductions to public safety. The council pledged not to use reserves to cover the gap between falling revenues — due to the economy — and

rising employee retirement costs.

In addition to the cuts, the council approved \$636,000 in new revenue streams, which will include a 25-cent hike in parking meter rates, reduced free parking hours at downtown garages and higher fees for city services such as recreation programs and fire inspections.

The police department will lose a dozen full-time positions — six vacant sworn officer slots, four community service officers, a dispatcher and a clerk — and two part-time positions, the most

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ONE LESS IPAD

A Redwood City council member says he will refuse the electronic device after the council approved the purchase of the technology for city officials

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Teen in court on murder charge

Man, 19, accused of 2009 Redwood City killing, transported from Mexico

BY SHAUN BISHOP
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A 19-year-old man accused of stabbing a teenage boy to death in Redwood City last year appeared in a San Mateo County courtroom Monday for the first time since he was arrested in Mexico and extradited to the Bay Area.

Prosecutors say Luis Adolfo Villa stabbed 16-year-old Matthew Johnson on Jan. 3, 2009, because Johnson and his friends had thrown rocks at a car Villa was riding in.

"Anger, pure anger, nothing else beyond that," Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said in offering a motive for the crime. "Just anger that somebody would have the gall to throw rocks at their car."

Villa postponed entering a plea Monday to a single charge of murder with the use of a knife, Wagstaffe said.

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School's out, still learning

Summer camp keeps children in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties engaged with science and nature



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ABOVE: Cooper Houston, left, and Jonathan Gotlieb, both 10, use pipes as horns at a Science and Nature Adventures for Kid Explorers, or SNAKE, summer camp on Monday. The camps are run by the nonprofit Environmental Volunteers, which trains volunteers to teach natural science to children in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties through classroom lessons, day camps, nature walks and field trips. For more information, visit www.evols.org.

LEFT: Jade Hsin, 7, left, and Alvin Tyler, 8, handle a deer skull during a lesson on mammals at the SNAKE summer camp on Monday.

Police recall days before Schipsi death

BY JESSE DUNGAN
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Bulos "Paul" Zumot threw Jennifer Schipsi's cell phone at her during an argument over a mutual male friend the night before she was found strangled in the burned bedroom of their Palo Alto home, police testified Monday during a preliminary hearing.

Zumot, a Palo Alto hookah shop owner, is charged with killing Schipsi, his former girlfriend, and setting fire to their home to hide the crime on Oct. 15, 2009.

Prosecutor Chuck Gillingham called four Palo Alto police officers to the stand during the first day of a



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