

MINUTES

of a special teleconference meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held on October 23, 2007, at 9:00 A.M. PST at the following locations: Hilton Burlington Hotel, Room 433, 60 Battery Street, Burlington, Vermont, and Joslyn Senior Center, 21 Grant Street, Redlands, California.

PRESENT

Jon Harrison, Mayor  
Pat Gilbreath, Mayor Pro Tem  
Gilberto Gil, Councilmember  
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember  
Pete Aguilar, Councilmember

ABSENT

None

STAFF

N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; Teresa Ballinger, Assistant City Clerk; Michael Reynolds, City Treasurer; Clete Hyman, Deputy Police Chief; Jim Drabinski, Fire Chief; Tina Kundig, Finance Director and Acting Administrative Services Director; Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director; Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director; Kurt Smith, Chief Information Officer; Gary Van Dorst, Quality of Life Interim Director

Mayor Harrison participated in this meeting by teleconference; Mayor Pro Tem Gilbreath called the meeting to order.

NEW BUSINESS

City Treasurer Operations - On Thursday, October 18, 2007, the District Attorney served a search warrant on the City Treasurer's office. In light of the current investigation regarding cash controls in his office, City Treasurer Reynolds submitted an e-mail on that date to City Attorney McHugh directing that the City Manager be empowered to hire temporary replacement staffing for the City Treasurer's office and that current Treasurer's staff be reassigned to other departments for the duration of the current investigation. Discussion among Councilmembers, City Treasurer Reynolds, City Manager Martinez and City Attorney McHugh ensued. Councilmember Aguilar moved to acknowledge receipt of the City Treasurer's letter authorizing temporary replacement staffing, authorized the City Manager to perform additional duties relating to Treasurer operations; and directed the City Manager to implement a plan for replacement staffing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gallagher and further discussion ensued. By roll call vote, this motion was unanimously approved. Councilmembers and staff held a discussion regarding special auditor services. Councilmember Gilbreath moved to authorize the City Manager to solicit competitive bids for agreed upon procedures for a one-time review of all cash transactions, focusing specifically independently on the City Treasurer and Finance Department operations, and to allow the City Manager to expand the review to other departments as he wishes. Motion seconded by

Councilmember Aguilar. During the discussion that followed, the City Council briefly recessed at 9:37 A.M. PST when the telephone connection with Mayor Harrison was disconnected. When the teleconference resumed, Councilmembers continued their discussion regarding the motion. By roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M. PST.

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City Clerk