

MINUTES: of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Orton Center, University of Redlands, 1200 E. Colton Ave., Redlands, California, on July 11, 2012 at 12:33 P.M.

PRESENT: Pete Aguilar, Mayor  
Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jon Harrison, Councilmember  
Bob Gardner, Councilmember

ABSENT: Jerry Bean, Councilmember

STAFF: N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief

To address Brown Act considerations, Mayor Aguilar called this special meeting to provide the opportunity for all Councilmembers to attend a luncheon hosted by the City of Redlands Chamber of Commerce. He offered an opportunity for the public to address the City Council on the subject of the meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming

PRESENTATION:

State of the Community - Mayor Aguilar introduced all city staff and elected officials present and provided an introductory overview of a presentation on the State of the Community. After a short video on "Economic Development", Mayor Pro Tem Foster summarized recent efforts to spur economic activity in the downtown Redlands business area. After a short video on "Shopping", Councilmember Gardner highlighted efforts to quantify and measure the value of return on investment for funds expended in the City of Redlands annual budget. After a short video on "Quality of Life", Councilmember Harrison described plans in the area of parks, recreation and open space for the City. Mayor Aguilar then thanked Councilmember Bean for his contributions to the City of Redlands as Councilmember for the past five years. The Mayor summed up the challenges still ahead in three investment categories: infrastructure, youth programs and services, and technology.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Questions from the Floor - Many subjects were addressed by residents' inquiries ranging from the City's financial strength, to the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency, to the future of the Redlands Mall, to the need for additional downtown parking, to the Orange Blossom Trail and its relation to

other trail systems in Southern California, to the City Treasurer's position, to the future plans for the Mutual Orange Distributors' Packing House.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M. The Council will meet next at a special meeting scheduled later today at 6:15 P.M., July 11, 2012.