

MINUTES: of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on September 21, 2010 at 3:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Pat Gilbreath, Mayor
Jerry Bean, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember
Pete Aguilar, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jim Bueermann, Police Chief; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Les Jolly, Interim Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Gilbreath followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter - Animal Control Officer Bill Miller and Volunteer Lynda Ackerman introduced Nadia, a four-year old Labrador retriever, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council there are currently 55 dogs and 91 cats at the shelter. Twenty-two dogs and twenty-six cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Zanja Concept Plan - Sherli Leonard, of the Redlands Conservancy, presented a history of events leading to the formation of the Save the Zanja Committee. She described efforts for over a year to develop the Zanja Concept Plan and predicted the Committee would present the Plan to the City Council by the spring of 2011 in hopes of completing work on a trail along the waterway by the 200th anniversary of the Zanja in 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water and Wastewater Fees - This item was moved up on the agenda on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher and agreed to unanimously, to allow the Council to address recommendations of the Utilities Advisory Committee (UAC) before voting on a proposal to refinance the Redlands Financing Authority's Series 1999 Water and Wastewater Revenue Refunding Bonds. David Raley, Chairman of the UAC, summarized the findings

and recommendations of the committee to increase water and wastewater rates. As public comments, Steve Rogers said now is not a good time to raise any fees and appealed to residents to be aware of, and to exercise, their right to vote on any rate increase. Bill Cunningham cautioned against any rate increase expressing concerns over the impact of rate increases on water usage and resulting ultimately in the "browning" of Redlands. On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council voted to continue until October 5, 2010 any decision on the water and wastewater program funding to allow staff time to prepare a description of the option of no rate increase. Mayor Pro Tem Bean voted No on the motion.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2010 as submitted.

Resolution No. 6996 - Conflict of Interest Code - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6996 amending the City of Redlands' Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 and rescinding Resolution No. 6796. As a public comment, Steve Rogers asked about the code of ethics which had been discussed in previous Council meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Bean said the project was "not off the stove, but on a back burner" due to the legal ramifications other cities have experienced when attempting to write such guidance.

Sister Cities - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file the Redlands Sister Cities Association amended mission statement and goals.

Commission Appointments - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Peter Buoye, Tim Farmer, John Gardner, and Andrew Irvin to the Citrus and Preservation Commission to serve terms ending April 16, 2014.

Proclamation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring October 21, 2010 as "Lights on Afterschool Day."

Proclamation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring the week of October 3-9, 2010, as Fire Prevention Week with the specific theme of "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With."

Agreement Amendment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Custom Service Systems for janitorial services.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Crime Prevention - Mayor Gilbreath introduced the "See Something, Say Something" campaign to increase resident participation in the effort to keep the City of Redlands a safe place to live. Chief Bueermann appealed to residents to lower the threshold on what constitutes a reason to dial 911. Chief Frazier encouraged residents to watch for young arsonists, dumpers of hazardous waste, and signs that neighbors may be having health problems. Tabetha Johnson discussed ways to volunteer to help with the campaign.

FY 2010-2011 Budget Discussion - Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer, presented an update on efforts to begin a long range financial forecasting and planning process and to provide solutions to balancing the FY 2010-2011 Budget by the end of the year.

FURTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Water Bill Appeal - Waunidi Changamire presented documentation which indicated she was away on business during a period of disputed high water consumption on her property. She had no explanation for the consumption, but indicated she disputed the accuracy of her water bill. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to reduce the water bill for account No. 45-1757.301 by \$104.07, one half the disputed amount of the bill.

Resolution No. 6998 - Capital Projects - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6998 adopting the Five-Year Capital Project Needs Analysis for Fiscal Years 2011/2012 through 2015/2016 and authorized the Mayor to execute the Jurisdiction Master Agreement No. C10252 between the City of Redlands and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolution No. 6994 - Specific Fees and Charges – Mayor Gilbreath opened the public hearing and called for a report from Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer, covering the facts bearing on a proposal to change specific fees and charges. As a public comment, Steve Rogers reiterated his remarks about timing of any fee increase and said the charge of \$.40 per page for copies of public records is too high. Citing the state of the economy and the limited benefit of such changes, on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by

Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to disapprove Resolution No. 6994 and to direct staff to revisit the increase of specific fees and charges at the mid-year budget review. The City of Redlands will continue to operate under the current fees and charges reflected in Resolutions No. 5914 and 6833.

Resolution No. 6995 - CAPER – Mayor Gilbreath opened the public hearing and called for a report from Oscar Orci, Development Services Director, covering the facts bearing on the requirement for and content of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6995 approving the 2009-2010 CAPER and authorizing the submission of the report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ethical Behavior - Steve Rogers emphasized the importance of a common definition of ethical practices to be followed by all employees, elected officials and volunteers who work for the City of Redlands.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council meeting recessed at 5:36 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: City Council Sub-Committee
Unrepresented Employees: City Manager, City Attorney, Chief Information Officer, Development Services Director, Finance Director, Fire Chief, Human Resources Director, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director, Police Chief, and Quality of Life Director

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

City Attorney McHugh announced there was no reportable action taken during the closed session.

FURTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 6997 - Directors' Compensation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6997 replacing a health allotment plan in the Department Directors Compensation and Benefits Profile. The previous plan

provided an amount equal to the cost of family PERSCare health, city dental and city vision policies be allotted to each department director for insurance coverage and any unused funds could be contributed to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement. The replacement plan provides payment of the premiums for any applicable medical plan offered under PERS health, and applicable City dental and vision plans. The City will also pay each department director \$150 a year to offset co-payments and deductibles or will offer department directors, with proof of alternative medical coverage, \$350 a month if they opt out of PERS health. Resolution No. 6759 is rescinded.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City of Redlands City Council meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M. The Council will meet next at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 5, 2010.