

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 May 18, 2010 at 3:23 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; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jim Bueermann, Police Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director; Gary Van Dorst, Quality of Life Director

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter - Animal Control Officer Ruben Yzquierdo and Volunteer Lynda Ackerman introduced Duluth, a three-year old male, Chihuahua/Brindle mix, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council there are currently have 40 dogs and 46 cats at the shelter. Twenty-two dogs and sixteen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Water Awareness - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation designating May 2010, Water Awareness Month, acknowledging citizens who already practice water saving techniques, and urging all citizens to learn more about water conservation. Assisted by Woody Hynes, from the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, the Mayor presented certificates of recognition to Bayle Gilbert and Angel Okoye-Kerr as winners of the 2010 Water Conservation Poster Contest.

Child Abuse Prevention – Tabettha Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator for the City of Redlands described the Birthday Bags for Kids program which is a nonprofit effort to provide toy-filled gift bags to disadvantaged children on their birthday. She went on to recognize the success of efforts by staff members to solicit donations for Birthday Bags for Kids in recognition of April as Child Abuse

Awareness Month. Over \$500 in cash and 18 bags of gifts were donated and contributed to the Redlands Family Services Association.

Volunteerism – Tabettha Johnson summarized the efforts of over a thousand volunteers from Redlands service clubs, the Home Depot Foundation and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons) on May 6 and 8, 2010 to restore, clean and beautify the City of Redlands parks. A video was presented which highlighted the events of those two days. Mayor Gilbreath presented certificates of recognition to the major contributors to the effort: Mike Goodman, Jeanie Duran, and Sherry Caraway from Home Depot Foundation; George Barich from the Redlands Service Club Council; Brian Palmer, Kasey Hawes, Rose Palmer, and David Palmer from the Mormons’ Helping Hands. As a public comment, Tina Sray, Chairperson of the Parks Commission, expressed the City of Redlands’ appreciation for all the great work that was done.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special meeting on April 29, 2010, and the special and regular meetings of May 4, 2010 as submitted.

Eagle Scout Achievement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve a Certificate of Achievement to Daniel Haddad for attaining the highest rank in scouting of Eagle Scout.

Teen Community Service - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve certificates of recognition for Allison Gevis, Kara Kenison, Kathleen Roque, and Daniella Ojeda who, through their participation in the Inland Empire United Way, Teens Make a Difference Program, they each provided over a thousand hours of volunteer service to the Redlands community.

Commission Appointment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve the appointment of Kenneth L. Jeske to the Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission to serve the remainder of the unexpired term ending November 16, 2012.

Resolution – CAL EMA/FEMA Agent Designation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution designating Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Scott MacDonald, Battalion Chief; and Gary Van Dorst, Quality of Life Director as Applicant’s Agents for the purpose of cost recovery through California

Emergency Management Agency (CAL EMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for damages and emergency work related to storm events which occurred from January 17, 2010 to February 6, 2010.

Fee Waiver Request - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve a request from the Redlands Optimist Club for a waiver of fees associated with their Annual Car Show event to be held at Sylvan Park on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Councilmember Gallagher mentioned a suggestion submitted by a staff member to consider increasing permit fees for vendors who participate in fee-waived service club functions. While the main purpose of these functions is to raise funds for charitable causes, the vendors who participate alongside the service clubs have a profit motive and should contribute to paying the costs of utilities and cleanup operations.

Grant Distribution - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Redlands, several other Inland Empire cities, and San Bernardino County to distribute funds from the 2010 Justice Assistance Grant Award. The distribution will result in an additional appropriation of \$32,250 to the Redlands police department.

Committee Appointment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve the appointment of Theresa Dale to the 2010 Utilities Advisory Committee to support the water and wastewater rate adjustment study.

Camera Project - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve a Real Property License Agreement for the placement of a Redlands Police Department surveillance camera on the building located at 1323 West Colton Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Safety Hall Assessments – Larry Kosmont, from Kosmont Companies, summarized the findings of an assessment of the use of the existing safety hall site, including an adjacent County facility, to fulfill the needs of the City of Redlands for the next fifty years. The conclusion of the assessment is that the existing building and site are insufficient in terms of available space and cost effectiveness of the rehabilitation/construction of facilities. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to accept the presentation and continue this agenda item until the regular City Council meeting on June 1, 2010 to allow the Council the opportunity to provide direction to the staff.

General Fund Shortfall - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve the transfer of \$371,660 to the General Fund to provide for street maintenance and appurtenant work performed by the Quality of Life Department in FY 2009-2010. Traffic Congestion Relief Funds transferred to the General Fund from the Orange Street and Redlands Boulevard Resurfacing, Sidewalk and Landscaping Improvement Project will be backfilled with Local Measure "I" Funds from the Resurfacing Program 2010. These transfers are in support of efforts to reduce a \$900,000 shortfall in the General Fund for FY2009-2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

Traffic Control Management Study – Fred Mousavipour and Don Young, from the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented an in-house analysis of the effectiveness of traffic calming measures to reduce speed of vehicles on city streets. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed the proposed restriping of City streets is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act, approved the Residential District Traffic Control Management Study, and authorized staff to implement the restriping of streets as a traffic control management method.

Resolution No. 6939 – CalPERS Pre-Tax Payroll Deduction Plan - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6939 providing a tax free option to employees who make contributions for service credit purchased pursuant to the California State Government Code. This resolution opens to the miscellaneous employee group, an option which has been available to safety employees since July 2004.

Request for Proposal - A motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Aguilar, directing staff to prepare and distribute a Request for Proposal for consulting services to assist in strategizing and negotiating for the acquisition of open space was defeated by a three to two vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Conditional Use Permit No. 53 (Revision No. 3) – Westside Christian School – Mayor Gilbreath opened the public hearing and called for a report from Sergio Madera, from the Community Development Department, for background on an appeal from Westside Christian School to build an addition to an existing building at the corner of Bellevue and Olive Avenues. Neighbors of the property oppose the building addition location. Positions representing both sides of the issue were expressed by numerous public comments and the applicant. Councilmember Harrison asked the applicant and staff to work together to make one more effort to redesign the roof line of the proposed

addition with the intent of softening the impact of the building on the surrounding properties. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Mayor Gilbreath, the City Council approved continuing the public hearing on Conditional Use Permit No. 53 to June 15, 2010. Councilmember Gallagher voted to uphold a Planning Commission decision to disapprove Conditional Use Permit No. 53 (Revision No. 3).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Eric Goddard, of the Mustard Seed Tutorial Center, thanked the City Council for their support in recommending CDBG funding for the Mustard Seed program which provides remedial after-school tutoring to underprivileged students.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M. The City Council will meet at their next regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2010.