

MINUTES

of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on June 10, 2009, at 11:00 A.M.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

STAFF

N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; Jim Bueermann, Police Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Daniel Hobbs, Redevelopment Agency Director; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Jeff L. Frazier, Fire Chief; Robert Dalquest, Assistant Community Development Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director; Gary van Dorst, Quality of Life Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS

By consensus, the City Council decided to hear public comments regarding the budget following its presentation.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget - City Manager Martinez reported the Budget Committee (Councilmembers Aguilar and Bean) met twice and expressed his appreciation for their input. Finance Director/City Treasurer Kundig reviewed the proposed budget which estimates General Fund requirements over sources for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 at \$2,595,445.00, with an ending unreserved fund balance in the General Fund of \$3,552,278.00. Contributing to the \$2.5 million shortfall is \$1.9 million dedicated to Public Safety, of which \$180,158.00 is recommended from the equipment replacement reserve for five Police vehicles and equipment. Formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to lease water and wastewater facilities is recommended to close the \$2.5 million gap. City Manager Martinez said that additional reductions would need to occur without the JPA such as an additional 26 days of furloughs, asking safety units to re-negotiate their contracts, use of one-time reserves, or cutting departments. Consultant Robert Poole briefly outlined the JPA process.

City Councilmembers' Stipend - Councilmember Bean moved that Councilmembers voluntarily donate one check per year for every ten days of furloughs beginning with the second check in July. Motion seconded by

Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously. Councilmember Gilbreath noted Councilmembers are also giving up travel reimbursement.

Councilmembers asked questions about different line items. Councilmember Bean moved to add the full-time position, which is currently vacant due to the retirement of the Assistant City Clerk, in the City Clerk's Office that the City Manager had recommended not be funded. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gallagher. Following discussion, it was decided to hold off adding line items until final adoption of the budget. This would include the assistant's position in the City Clerk's Office and an assistant or special project specialist in the Quality of Life Department. Bill Cunningham expressed concern about the Joint Powers Authority and supported the need for coverage in the City Clerk's Office. Helen Waitz had several questions which were answered by the appropriate directors. Councilmembers indicated they were willing to look further at the proposed Joint Powers Authority and agreed to meet again on Monday, June 22, 2009, and Thursday, June 25, 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None forthcoming.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council meeting recessed at 1:50 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Debbie Scott-Leistra and Steve Filarsky

Employee Organizations: Redlands Association of Management Employees, Redlands Association of Mid-Management Employees, General Employees Association of Redlands (SBPEA), Redlands Civilian Safety Employees Association (SBPEA), Redlands Police Officers Association, Redlands Professional Firefighters Association, Redlands Association of Safety Management Employees and Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees

No report was expected following the closed session.