

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 December 16, 2008, at 1:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT Jerry Bean, Councilmember

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Chairman James G. Macdonald, Ruth M. Cook, Carol Dyer, Paul Foster, John E. James, Eric R. Shamp

STAFF N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Michael Reiter, Assistant City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Daniel Hobbs, Redevelopment Agency Director; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Harrison called the special meeting of the City Council to order. Planning Commission Chairman Macdonald called the special meeting of the Planning Commission to order. Mayor Harrison provided an opportunity for the public to address the City Council and the Planning Commission on the subject which was scheduled on this special meeting agenda. Bill Cunningham said he had not viewed the Revised Downtown Specific Plan and asked if it would be available; he also complained that scheduling of this meeting made it difficult for the public to participate. Community Development Director Orci said the document is available in the Community Development Department, the library and will be on our website. Mayor Harrison explained this session was for Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners to provide staff with input on key policy issues and to provide direction on the continued processing of the Downtown Specific Plan and that public hearings would be held in the future.

WORKSHOP

Draft Revised Downtown Specific Plan - Community Development Director Orci presented Draft 3 of the Downtown Specific Plan, dated December 4, 2008. Assistant Community Development Director Robert D. Dalquest gave an overview of the process thus far and explained the purpose of this study session.

Consultants from Torti-Gallas and Partners presented the background and history of the preparation of this draft version. The 15 key issues to be addressed were: civic buildings in downtown; pedestrian circulation at Third Street and the railroad crossing; street closures; State Street being changed to two-way; parking structures and parking plan; zoning districts as proposed are not parcel specific; land use considerations, restrictions on certain uses; land use considerations, current SC zones; restaurant row; building height, minimum building height; narrowing streets, Specific Plan boundaries; financing; and promoting Green and LEED development. The first four issues were discussed at this session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meetings of the City Council and Planning Commission adjourned at 3:03 P.M.