

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 March 20, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Fred Mousavipour, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Debbie Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director

Mayor Aguilar called the meeting to order and offered those present the opportunity to provide public comment on any item on the agenda for the closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming.

CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting recessed at 5:00 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
Property: APN 0300-231-24
Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
Negotiating party: Curtiss B. Allen
Under negotiation: Terms and price for City purchase of property
2. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
Property: APN 0294-121-20 (28922 San Timoteo Cyn Rd)
Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
Negotiating party: Gordon English
Under negotiation: Terms and price for City purchase of property
3. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(c) - One Case

- a. Possible initiation of litigation by the City.
4. Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(a) - One Case
 - a. Timothy Moore v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1003083

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Councilmember Bean followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

City Attorney McHugh announced the City Council unanimously voted during closed session to initiate litigation.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Volunteers Cyndy Dunham and Juan Nunez introduced Nellie, an eight-month old female Shepherd mix, who is available for adoption, with thirty other dogs and sixteen cats, at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Dunham informed the Council forty-four dogs and sixteen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Fire Department Recognition – Chief Frazier and Bill Conway, of the Professional Firefighters Association, received on behalf of the Redlands Fire Department, recognition from Robert Visconti and Sherri Laffey of the Burn Institute of the Inland Empire for their efforts to help burn victims. The Department received the inaugural presentation of a perpetual trophy to be given each year to the largest contributor to Burn Institute fundraising campaign in San Bernardino.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Crafton Hills Conservancy – Al Kelley expressed concerns about the possible dissolution of the Crafton Hills Open Space Conservancy and asked the City Council to look into conservation oversight efforts in the area.

Corporate Personhood – Several members of the Occupy Redlands movement presented points for discussion and read a proposed City Council resolution calling for a reversal of court decisions which grant Constitutional rights to corporations and characterize the spending of money as a form of speech also protected by the US Constitution. The group expressed frustration with their inability to get their resolution on the City Council meeting agenda.

Urban Agri-Business – Amanda Frye solicited support for agricultural use of vacant land areas within the City of Redlands.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2012.

Resolution No. 7133 – Clerk Compensation – On motion of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7133 amending compensation for the elective office of City Clerk and rescinding Resolution No. 6922. The new resolution deletes a stipend paid to the City Clerk for duties performed as Secretary of the now dissolved Redevelopment Agency.

Ordinance No. 2775 – Citrus Grove Operations – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2775 amending Chapter 2.64 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the duties of the Citrus Preservation Commission and the operations and finances of the City of Redlands citrus groves. The new ordinance is intended to ensure protection of the City's citrus heritage by being financially successful, clearly assigns ultimate responsibility for grove operations to City staff, establishes a schedule of monthly meetings for the Citrus Preservation Commission with the provision of appropriate financial and operational information for decision making, and requires semi-annual reports to the City Council on grove operations.

Proclamation – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring April 2012 as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*.

Art Fund Expenditure - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously authorized the Cultural Arts Commission to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to cover costs associated with the "Art Rocks II" show to be held on April 28, 2012.

Resolution No. 7134 – Traffic Regulation - On motion of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to table Resolution No. 7134, authorizing the installation of mile marker signs on San Timoteo Canyon Road, until staff has time to coordinate with Riverside County to install markers along the entire road.

Resolution No. 7135 – Traffic Regulation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7135 authorizing the installation of four-way stop signs on Cypress Avenue at Roosevelt Road.

Resolution No. 7136 – Traffic Regulation - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously agreed to table Resolution No. 7136, authorizing the installation of a three-way stop on Citrus Avenue at Central Avenue, to allow residents to speak with staff about alternative methods of addressing traffic problems at Citrus and Central.

Resolution No. 7137 – Traffic Regulation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7137 authorizing the creation of a No Parking zone on the north side of Clark Street between Redlands Boulevard and Myrtle Street.

Resolution No. 7138 – Traffic Regulation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7138 authorizing the creation of a No Parking zone on both sides of Pacific Street at 1445 Pacific Street.

Resolution No. 7139 – CFD Annexation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7139 declaring intention to annex territory to Community Facilities District No. 2004-1. A public hearing is scheduled for May 1, 2012 to discuss the annexation.

Radio Maintenance - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and the County of San Bernardino for 800 MHz radio services.

Homeland Security - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved acceptance of a grant award from the FY2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program and a supplemental appropriation to the Police Department in the amount of \$23,045. The funds have already been used to install a video surveillance camera at the intersection of New York Street and Park Avenue.

Software Agreement - On motion of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Efiia Consulting LLC for software license and maintenance relative to the development of the CopBook computer platform.

Volunteer Veterinarians - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved acceptance of the donation of services to the City of Redlands from four local veterinarian facilities. Redlands Animal Hospital, East Valley Pet Hospital, Animal Medical Center of Redlands and Family Friends Animal Hospital will each provide, free of charge, one spay/neuter procedure per month on animals at the City shelter.

Criminology Research - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and the Police Foundation to conduct criminological research.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Anniversary Celebration – Mayor Pro Tem Foster outlined preliminary planning for a celebration of the City of Redlands 125th Anniversary since incorporation. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council approved the formation of a committee to plan the celebration.

Sister Cities Celebration – Councilmember Harrison introduce Roy Cencirulo who described planned activities in celebration of Redlands Sister Cities’ 50-year relationship with Hino, Japan. On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council approved the use of staff time to assist in the planning of the celebration.

CDBG – Janet Miller, of the Development Services Department, provided a summary of proposed changes to amend the goals of the City of Redlands Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and a schedule of events for the implementation of the changes. As public comments, Cheryl Heesen, of Redlands Family Services Association, Ann McMahon, of Legal Aid, and Tess Mahoney, from the Redlands office of San Bernardino Sexual Assault, described their programs and solicited support. On motions of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved directing staff to prepare a Draft 2009-2013 Five-Year Consolidated Plan Amendment and a Draft 2011-2012 One-Year Action Plan Amendment in accordance with agreed to guidance, to use \$402,696 as the planning estimate for the 2012-2013 CDBG Program and make the necessary minor adjustments to the appropriate funding categories to comply with the final allocation published by HUD, to prepare the Draft 2012-2013 One-Year Action Plan in accordance with City Council guidance, and to reprogram \$20,000 from currently unprogrammed prior year CDBG funds to the previously approved 2010-2011 Community Center Rehabilitation Project to facilitate additional improvements similar in nature to the existing project. All of these CDBG amendments and planning documents will be made available for public review and comment in accordance with federal regulations.

Post Office Building – In response to inquiries from City of Redlands residents, Oscar Orci, Development Services Director, introduced Michael Lengyel, Economic Development Manager, who provided a status report on the post office building at the corner of Vine Street and Brookside Avenue. The building has been identified for closure by the US Postal Service and it is anticipated that there will be a four month due diligence period prior to the building being listed for sale. As a public comment, Nelda Stuck, President of the Redlands

Historical Museum Committee, expressed the enthusiastic desire for the Committee to purchase the building and donate the property to the City for use as a museum. One motions of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved directing staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature to be sent within the next ten days to the appropriate USPS or other federal officials stating the City of Redlands' interest in purchasing the downtown Redlands Post Office for the use as the Redlands Historical Museum and requesting the City be kept fully informed as the postal authorities and their real estate representatives move to dispose of the building. Staff was tasked investigating and learning about the federal process for the building to keep the City Council fully informed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Land Use – BNY, Inc. Applicant - On a motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously voted to continue to the regular City Council Meeting on April 3, 2012, consideration of a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Socio-Economic Cost/Benefit Study and the public hearings for General Plan Amendment No. 2012-1-A, Zone Change No. 439, Street Vacation No. 154, Conditional Use Permit No. 986 and Tentative Tract No. 18795 for the development of a multifamily dwelling condominium project on approximately 3.14 acres located on the east side of Occidental Drive, approximately 657 feet north of Brockton Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 7140 – PACE Program – On motions of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7140 authorizing staff to send a letter to the California Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Energy Finance Program providing comments on proposed rulemaking concerning mortgage assets affected by PACE programs.

Resolution No. 7141 – Presentations Policy – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7141 establishing policy governing the use of City-owned electronic visual presentation equipment for official meetings.

Packing House Contracts – On motions of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved sending a request to Redlands Foothill Groves asking to terminate the City's membership in the Redlands Foothill Groves packinghouse association as of the date of the next association board meeting and subsequently entering into Grower Agreements and membership with California Citrus Cooperative Packinghouse, effective as of the date of termination of Redlands Foothill Groves membership.

Video Surveillance Contract Amendment - On motions of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved a fifth amendment to an Integrated Video Surveillance System Agreement and a related Real Property License Agreement between the City of Redlands and Leverage Information Systems, Inc.

LED Street Lights - On motions of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved the implementation of Phase I of the citywide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Lighting Conversion Program in the economic development area of downtown Redlands and the appropriation of \$100,000 for the Program.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Coffee with the Council – Mayor Aguilar thanked City of Redlands residents for their turn out and participation at the recent session. The next event is scheduled on April 21, 2013 at Greater Good Coffee.

Sustainability – Councilmember Harrison attended the Redlands Sustainability Workshop where 8 of the 10 categories recommended in the Redlands Sustainability Plan were addressed. Consensus of the Workshop was the first steps to be taken will concentrate on outreach and education actions.

Historic Preservation – Mayor Pro Tem Foster announced he had met with representatives from the Redlands Conservancy and the Redlands Historical Society as follow up to joint City Council, Planning Commission and Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission meeting held in February 2012. Mr. Foster said the group had narrowed the field of actions to be taken, he had discussed the impact of action options with staff and he would be presenting recommendations to the City Council at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address, this meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. The Council will meet at their next regular meeting on April 3, 2012.