

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 December 17, 2013, at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Pete Aguilar, Mayor
Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Bob Gardner, Councilmember
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Robert Dawes, City Treasurer; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; Danielle Garcia, Interim Chief Information Officer; Fred Mousavipour, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Amy Martin, 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:

1. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8

Property: APNs 0300-241-17, -18, -19, and -20
Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
Negotiating party: Frank Mistretta, Jr. representing the Frank J. Mistretta Family Trust and Mistretta Family properties; and Sherli Leonard of the Redlands Conservancy
Under negotiation: Terms and price for City purchase of property

2. Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation – Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) One Case

a. City of Redlands v. Redlands Alternative Care, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1306014.

3. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation – Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)(e)(1) One Case
4. Conference with labor negotiator – Government Code §54957.6

Agency negotiator: Mayor Aguilar and Mayor Pro Tem Foster
Employee Organization: Redlands Police Officers Association

The meeting reconvened at 6:01 P.M. with an invocation by Councilmember Harrison followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller, introduced “Goldie”, a two year old female terrier mix, who is available for adoption, with fifty-one other dogs and ninety-one cats, at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller informed the Council twenty-nine dogs and eighteen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Holiday Presentation – Students from Ms. Preston’s 5th Grade Class, Highland Grove Elementary School, filled the Chamber with musical bliss by performing three carols of the season, one of which the audience sang along.

Life Saving Recognition – Mayor Aguilar and Chiefs Frazier and Garcia presented recognition items to Police Officer Eric Pendery, Fire Captain David Denman, Fire Engineer Jesse Brookens, Firefighters/Paramedics Richard Hurtado, Mark MacDonald and Christopher Harrison, and Ryan Mote, a private citizen, for their contribution to the saving of the life of an elderly automobile accident victim.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christmas Parade – Larry Statler, of the Redlands Noon Kiwanis, thanked the City Council and staff for all the support given to ensure a successful *Christmas Parade*, in spite of being held on the rain date and coincident with two other downtown Redlands events.

Night Light Run – Daney Bachiu, of the Redlands Chamber of Commerce, also expressed appreciation to the staff for their support of the first ever *Night Light Run* held at exactly the same time as the *Christmas Parade*.

Illegal Aliens – Raymond Herrera and Robin Hvidston, of Claremont, expressed concerns about the immigration policies and enforcement practices of the federal government and identified the subject as an issue for the November 2014 general election.

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 December 3, 2013 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Appointments List - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a list of all appointments to all boards and commissions to the City Council of the City of Redlands in accordance with Government Code §54972.

Confidentiality Agreement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Christine Smith for mediation confidentiality.

Grant Award - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a grant award from the 2013 State Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$18,220 for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a video surveillance camera at the intersection of Redlands Boulevard and California Street and authorized an additional appropriation in the same amount to the Police Department.

Grant Award - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a grant award from the 2013 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) in the amount of \$15,193 to implement initiatives in the State Preparedness Report and authorized an additional appropriation in the same amount to the Emergency Management account.

Grant Award - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a grant award from the 2013 Emergency Management Performance in the amount of \$18,289 to equip the primary and alternate emergency operations centers and authorized an additional appropriation in the same amount to the Emergency Management account.

CFD Reports - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file the annual reports for Community Facilities Districts (CFD) No. 2001-1 and 2003-1.

Park Donation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a donation from the Friends of Prospect Park, in the amount of \$4,200 for renovations to the Pavilion at the Park and furnishings for the carriage house. On the same motion, the Council authorized an additional appropriation in the same amount for the Quality of Life Department.

Ordinance No. 2802 – Redlands Municipal Airport – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2802 amending Chapters 12.56 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the Redlands Municipal Airport.

Retroreflectometer - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and California State University Sacramento, College of Continuing Education for the use of the College's retroreflectometer to measure and ensure that City traffic signs meet or exceed the minimum retroreflectivity levels.

Surplus Property Report – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file a Surplus Property Report prescribed by the California Government Code §50569.

Student Commissioners - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment as student commissioner of Zoie Gilpin to the Human Relations Commission, Anushka Paladugu to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and Anant Pai to the Traffic and Parking Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Coffee Schedule – Mayor Aguilar announced the planned schedule for *Coffee with the Council* for the 2014 calendar year. As a rule, the sessions are planned for the third Saturday of every month, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. As with all rules, there will be exceptions. We will try to keep the public informed of the exceptions and the location of the sessions prior to an occurrence.

Safe Ride Home – Mayor Aguilar announced the *Responsible Redlands Safe Ride Home Program*, sponsored by Hangar 24 Brewery and local businesses, providing free (up to 4 miles) cab rides home from 8:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. between December 20, 2013 and January 1, 2014.

Funding Source Proposal – Public Information Officer Carl Baker presented an overview of four priority areas proposed to be addressed in order to continue infrastructure improvements and enhance the services provided to the public: flood control maintenance and improvements, sidewalk and street light maintenance and improvements, parks maintenance and improvements, and urban forest maintenance and replacement. Discussion centered on funding sources for the priorities listed. As a public comment, Arlen Einertson pointed out that, other than flood control, the areas identified in the presentation are General Fund obligations, and should be addressed accordingly. He criticized the presentation for not including recent fee increases to adequately reflect the proposal's impact on a household. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by

Councilmember Gardner, the City Council voted to direct staff to conduct an educational campaign with City stakeholders to gauge potential interest in support of a proposed funding plan (ballot measures) for flood control maintenance and improvements, sidewalk/ADA improvements, urban forest maintenance and replacement, and park maintenance and improvements. The funding plan proposes a \$47.8 million General Obligation Bond and a parcel tax of \$2.8 million. Councilmember Harrison voted No on the motion expressing concern that the staff does not have adequate information and data to proceed with an educational campaign.

Public Benefit Funding Report – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas introduced a reconciliation of remaining funds and approved expenditures to date from the sale of the Nevada-Palmetto Grove in accordance with Resolution No. 7224. As a public comment, Steve Rogers expressed confusion as to the “matching funds” concept with respect to funding projects in this report and reiterated his support for a Skate Park. Questions and discussion clearly identified the need for further prioritization of plans for expenditure of these funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 7354 – Interfund Loan Policy – Emad Gewaily, of the Finance Department, summarized proposed guidelines regarding the establishment, management and repayment of interfund loans. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7354 establishing an interfund loan policy.

Resolution No. 7350 – Development Impact Fees – Finance Director Tina Kundig provided an overview of the Annual Report of Development Impact Fees for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. As a public comment, Steve Rogers asked about fees not included in the Report. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7350 approving the City of Redlands Annual Development Impact Fee Report and making certain findings with respect thereto.

Ordinance No. 2803 – Fire Code – Fire Marshal Phil Gairson highlighted details of the 2013 edition of the California Fire Code. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2803 amending Chapter 15.20 of the Redlands Municipal Code and adopting by reference the 2013 edition of the California Fire Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9) with necessary local amendments.

Resolution No. 7341 – Reversion to Acreage – Development Services Director Oscar Orci provided background on a request to revert to acreage ten contiguous lots into one parcel. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No.

7341 initiating proceedings of a petition received for Parcel Map No. 19437 to revert ten contiguous lots into one parcel with an area of 50.54 acres, which delineates dedications which will and will not be vacated and dedications required in connection with the reversion to acreage, located on the north side of Lugonia Avenue, the south side of Almond Avenue, and the east side of Research Drive in Concept Plan No. 1 of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan.

Purchase Order Increase – Police Chief Mark Garcia explained a request to increase an existing annual purchase order with Waypoint Aviation due to increased operation of the Police Department’s airplane, Redhawk-1. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved authorization to increase the annual purchase order with Waypoint Aviation to \$50,000.

Street Repair Vehicle Purchase – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas provided details on a request to purchase a skid steer loader. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the purchase, in the amount of \$69,109.20, of a skid steer loader with planer and breaker attachments from Inland Bobcat, Inc.

IT Network Consultant – Interim Chief Information Officer Danielle Garcia reviewed the process used to select a consultant for the Police Department Information Technology (IT) network support services. As a public comment, Steve Rogers requested information as to how this agreement relates to the IT Master Plan. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Ian Stewart Consulting for Police Department IT network support services.

PARIS 2013 Contract – Mike Pool, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided a status update on the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) program. As a public comment, Steve Rogers inquired as to the engineer’s estimate for the cost of this portion of the PARIS program. On motions of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed that the approval and construction of the PARIS 2013 Resurfacing Project (35-566), Project No. 41056 is categorically exempt from further environment review in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, approved the Project plans and specifications, and awarded a construction contract between the City of Redlands and Matich Corporation in the amount of \$13,210,000.00 for the work.

Gateway Beautification –Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Fred Mousavipour introduced a contract proposal for Interstate 10 on and off ramp aesthetic improvements in the downtown Redlands area. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a professional services agreement between the City of

Redlands and STB Landscape Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$70,108.00 for the design of the I-10 Gateway Project.

Grant Awards - Ross Wittman, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided details on two Highway Safety Improvement Program grants. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of two Highway Safety Improvement Program Grants totaling \$649,400.00; and allocated matching funds in the amount of \$33,800.00 from the Traffic Signal Fund for a signal at the intersection of Orange Street and Pioneer Avenue, and \$33,600.00 from the Local Transportation Fund for the installation of 1.6 miles of green bike lanes on Citrus Avenue between University Street and Wabash Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution No. 7349 – Acquisitions of Easements – Mayor Aguilar opened the hearing and called upon Chris Diggs, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, to provide background on a proposal to acquire easements in portions of certain real property, by eminent domain, to facilitate the Redlands Boulevard and Alabama Street and Redlands Boulevard and Colton Avenue Intersections Improvement Project. As a public comment, Steve Rogers described a sequence of events dealing with the modification of this intersection and expressed skepticism as to the schedule proposed for the project. On motions of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously determined that pursuant to Section 15162 of the State’s guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act no subsequent negative declaration or other environmental document is required to be prepared for the consideration of the approval of Resolution of Necessity No. 7349 for the proposed acquisition of easements in portions of certain real property, by eminent domain, more particularly described as Assessor Parcels No. 0292-157-05, 0292-157-06, 0292-157-16, 0292-157-31, and 0169-362-15, for the City’s Redlands Boulevard and Alabama Street and Redlands Boulevard and Colton Avenue Intersections Improvement Project; and adopted Resolution No. 7349.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Busy Festive Season – Mayor Aguilar reviewed the events of the holiday season and congratulated the parties involved for a long list of very successful and enjoyable occasions.

Youth Hope – The Mayor also highlighted the opening of the Youth Hope facility for homeless children at 1179 West Redlands Boulevard. A heavily attended Open House for the facility was held on December 11th.

Children’s Block Party – Councilmember Gilbreath complimented the Police Department for the success of their annual Christmas Block Party held for the children of Redlands at the Community Center held on December 7th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, Mayor Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 8:23 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be a goal-setting workshop to be held on January 7, 2014.