

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 January 5, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Paul Foster, Mayor
Jon Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember
Paul Barich, Councilmember
John James, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Robert Dawes, City Treasurer; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; Danielle Garcia, Chief Innovation Officer; Chris Diggs, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Chris Boatman, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Amy Martin, Human Resources Director

Mayor Foster 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 to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) - Three Cases
 - a. Sheldon Alechman v. City of Redlands et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1210203
 - b. Deborah Guindon v. City of Redlands et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1315335
 - c. Darlene Medlin v. City of Redlands et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1410919
3. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3) - Two Cases
 - a. Consideration of claim filed against the City of Redlands by Chris and Julie Holladay
 - b. Consideration of claim filed against the City of Redlands by Keith and Sandra Holleman
4. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1) - One Case

The meeting reconvened at 6:03 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

Mayor Foster announced no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller introduced “Rosa”, a two year old female Chihuahua mix who is available for adoption along with twenty-four other dogs and twenty-three cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller announced that forty-seven dogs and forty-two cats were adopted since the last City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Olio – Greg Brittain spoke in opposition to the Redlands Passenger Rail; asked what happened to the water rate increase proposal which was presented at the November 17, 2015 regular City Council meeting; and presented reasons why the City of Redlands should not accept Syrian refugees.

Syrian Refugees – Eight speakers presented perspectives and suggestions on the debate over plans to relocate throughout the world refugees from the war in Syria, two supporting acceptance of refugees in Redlands and six opposed to the idea.

A Place to Worship – Patricia Sachs, of High Point Ministry, announced the celebration of the 2nd Anniversary of the Citizens Church, at the Clock Auditorium. She said the congregation has outgrown the capacity of its current location at the Fox Theatre and should be allowed to trade locations with the Presbyterian Church which has a lesser following.

Gang Related Massacre – Sam Wong presented details of the September 4, 1977, Golden Dragon Restaurant massacre and its impact on the San Francisco community in which it occurred.

Walls of Kindness – Kaitlin Ruppert proposed a program for providing warm clothing to the homeless population in Redlands. The program involves the installation of hooks and hangers on walls around town accompanied with signs suggesting, “If you don’t need it, leave it. If you need it, take it.” She cited statistics to support the need and news articles describing the success of such a program in Iran.

Street Lighting – Peter Zimmermann requested brighter lighting on Olive Avenue to promote pedestrian safety and reduce crime in the area.

Airport Land Use – Steve Miller and Dennis Brown questioned the legality of land-clearing and fence-building activity on land adjacent to the Redlands Municipal Airport. Peter Pitassi, representing the owners of the land in question, assured the City Council that all activity on the property is in full accordance with the Redlands Municipal Code and state and federal law.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2015. As public comment, Greg Humpal requested more detail in the minutes and a closer to verbatim rendering of comments made during city council meetings.

Commission Appointment – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Matt Malouf to serve the remainder of an unexpired term on the Traffic and Parking Commission ending December 20, 2018.

Fee Waiver – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Boy Scouts of America for the waiver of \$1,746.00 in fees associated with the 77th Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage event to be held on February 6, 2016.

Bid Rejection – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the rejection of all bids received for the care, maintenance and harvest of City owned citrus groves.

Resolution No. 7595 – Local Emergency Termination – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7595 terminating the local emergency proclaimed on December 15, 2015 in accordance with Chapter 2.52 of the Redlands Municipal Code.

Public Art Fundraiser – Cultural Arts Commissioner Danielle Trynoski presented details on a proposal to raise funds for public art. As public comment, Dennis Bell and Andy Hoder offered criticism of the proposal and questioned the use of public funds for a limited access event. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council approved the allocation of funds from the Public Arts Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, to the Cultural Arts Commission to host a reception to raise funds for the Mayor's Public Arts Initiative. Mayor Pro Tem Harrison voted No on the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CDBG Amendments – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Janet Miller, of the Development Services Department, for a summary of proposed changes in the City of Redlands Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Program. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a Substantial Amendment to the City of Redlands 2014-2015 One-Year Action Plan to include a Removal of Architectural Barriers (Phase II) Capital Improvement Project at the Redlands Civic Center, Suite 15-B in the amount of \$70,000.00; and a Third Amendment for the Provision of Professional Consulting Services with LDM Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$6,990.00. Councilmember Barich was absent from the room for discussion and voting on these motions.

Resolutions No. 7537, 7538, 7539, and Ordinance No. 2819 – Diversified Pacific, Applicant – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Robert Dalquest, of the Development Services Department, to provide an update on a development application from Newland Homes to remove a portion of an approximately 32.28 acre site from a City Agricultural Preserve located on the north side of San Bernardino Avenue, approximately 600 feet east of Judson Street in the A-1 (Agricultural) District (Proposed change to R-E (Residential Estate) District; rezone the 32.28 acres from A-1 (Agricultural) District to R-E (Residential Estate) District; and subdivide the property into fifty-five (55) lots for single family residential use and one (1) lettered lot for open space purposes. As public comment, Roger Tate cited regulations, grants and agreements which restricted the uses of the land affected by the application. Eric Fraser offered a tutorial on noise hazards and their mitigation to explain the factors to be considered in deliberations on the application. At the request of staff, and on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously agreed to table this item to allow for additional analysis to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fee Waiver – Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman summarized requests from the Kiwanis Club of Redlands. As public comment, Dennis Bell criticized the forms used for the fee waiver application and criticized the serving of alcohol at the proposed event. Andy Hoder suggested a reduction in the amount of fees to be waived. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Kiwanis Club of Redlands for the waiver of \$13,684.88 in fees and approval to serve alcoholic beverages for the *2016 Run through Redlands* event to be held on March 5-6, 2016.

Skate Park Design – Tim Sullivan, of the Quality of Life Department, described the process by which a consultant was chosen and introduced a proposal to fund the design for a skate park in Redlands. Discussion centered on concerns as to the adequacy of funding for the project. As public comment, Andy Hoder pointed out that the cost of this project increases with each presentation and expressed skepticism with respect to the funding proposal associated with the park. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and California Skateparks, in the amount of \$115,235.00, for professional services for

the design of a skate park; and further approved the additional appropriation of \$115,235.00 from the Palmetto Grove Fund.

NEW BUSINESS ADDED BY AGENDA SUPPLEMENT:

Airport Consulting Services – Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman presented details on a proposal to hire consultants to develop a business plan for the Redlands Municipal Airport. As public comment, Eric Paul, president of the Redlands Hangar Owners Association, reviewed the history of the economic viability of the airport. Ted Gablin, President of the Redlands Airport Association, read from an Airport Master Plan. Eric Fraser suggested the business plan can be produced in house without hiring a consultant. All three speakers questioned the wisdom of spending money on a consultant’s business plan study before settling the current land use issues at the airport. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and R.A. Wiedemann & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, for airport consulting services.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Councilmember Gilbreath will be attending an Omnitrans Directors meeting on January 6, 2016.

Councilmember James represented the City of Redlands at a Life Stream Blood Bank ceremony recognizing Dennis Schall on the occasion of his donation of 100 gallons of blood. He also reported that the General Plan Update Steering Committee meetings are moving along smoothly.

Mayor Foster and Councilmember Barich expressed optimism as they looked forward to a happy new year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Redlands City Council is scheduled on January 19, 2016.