

MINUTES of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, at 3:00 P.M. on April 20, 2004.

PRESENT Gilberto Gil, Mayor Pro Tem  
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember  
Gary George, Councilmember  
Jon Harrison, Councilmember

ABSENT Susan Pepler, Mayor

STAFF John Davidson, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; Mel Enslow, Fire Chief; Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director; Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director; and Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director

STUDY SESSION

Downtown Park Structure Concept Plans - Councilmember Harrison asked Economic Development Director Ralph Megna to bring the City Council up to date on the Core Block development strategy. Mr. Megna presented a PowerPoint covering parking, the railroad and downtown development, a review of the past year, a current project status report, the alternative plans for the Core Block development strategy that that been evaluated, and the key restraints. Public Works Director Mutter addressed the possible locations of Metrolink platforms or stations. By consensus, the Councilmembers present agreed that the City would not attempt to abandon the freight railroad line through town; that a Metrolink platform should be located in the downtown and University of Redlands area with the transit center to be located in the California Street area; and that the parking structure will be designed with a grade separated entry into the lower underground level. Councilmember George reiterated the need that the two parking structures must move forward in tandem.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Emery Milroy briefly addressed Councilmembers and urged them to maintain the railroad tracks and also thought the transit center development should be around California Street.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

City Clerk