

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 1, 2005, at 3:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT None

STAFF John Davidson, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; Beatrice Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk (evening session only); Michael Reynolds, City Treasurer; Jim Bueermann, Police Chief; Mel Enslow, Fire Chief; Tina Kundig, Finance Director; Ronald C. Mutter, Public Works Director; Marjie Pettus, Administrative Services Director; Gary G. Phelps, Municipal Utilities Director; and Jeffrey L. Shaw, Community Development Director

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Gil followed by the pledge of allegiance.

WELCOME

Civics Day - Mayor Pepler welcomed students from Redlands High School, Redlands East Valley High School, Orangewood High School and Grove High School who participated in the annual Civics Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2005, were approved as submitted.

Resolution No. 6361 - Candidate Statement Regulations - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 6361, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held in said city on Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

Bills and Salaries - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, payment of bills and salaries was acknowledged.

Funds - Donation - Redlands Conservancy - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously accepted a donation of \$30,000.00 from the Redlands Conservancy and an anonymous donor in support of an agreement between the City of Redlands and the University of Redlands Center for Environmental Studies for natural planning and management support service and approved an additional appropriation in the same amount.

Planning Commission Actions - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the report of the Planning Commission meeting held on February 22, 2005, was acknowledged as received.

Proclamation - Women's History Month - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved issuance of a proclamation declaring March, 2005, as Women's History Month and calling upon all the residents of Redlands to remember the many contributions of American women.

Reappointments - Housing Commission - Mayor Pepler moved to reappoint Gary Wuchenich, James Norwood and Kurt Mayer to four-year terms on the Housing Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

Appointments - Public Space and Facility Naming Committee - Mayor Pepler moved to appoint Parks Commissioner Steve Guggisberg, Human Relations Commissioner Cindi Tompkins, and residents Denise Cline, Joyce Dangermond and Joe Gonzales to serve on the Public Space and Facility Naming Committee. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously. Mayor Pepler moved to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Gil as the City Council representative to this committee. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously. Dr. Larry Burgess, Library Director, was named as the Chairman of this committee on November 2, 2004.

Release of Lien Agreement - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously authorized the release of a lien agreement to secure construction of public improvements dated April 13, 1982, for improvements at 421 West Redlands Boulevard along the southwest corner of Redlands Boulevard and Kendall Street which have been completed.

Fee Waiver - Candlelighters - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved the waiver of reservation, use and table fees in the amount of \$145.00 for use of Sylvan Park by the Candlelighters on March 19, 2005.

Contract Award - FY 2004-05 Water Capital Improvement Program - Bids were opened and publicly declared on January 20, 2005, by the City Clerk for the

Fiscal Year 2004-05 Water Capital Improvement Program, Water Main Replacement Project; a bid opening report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk. It was the recommendation of the Municipal Utilities Department that the responsible bidder submitting the bid for said project which will result in the lowest cost for the City was Special Service Contractors, and it would be in the best interest of the City that this contract be awarded to said firm. Councilmember Harrison said this was a great program but asked staff to come back with more information about all of the capital improvement programs in the near future. Councilmember Harrison moved to award the contract for Fiscal Year 2004-05 Water Capital Improvement Program, Water Main Replacement Project, Project No. 1-0537, to Special Service Contractors, based on the total bid amount of \$1,833,748.00, authorized staff to approve contingent costs up to 10 percent over the total bid amount, and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the contract on behalf of the City. Motion seconded by Councilmember Pepler and carried unanimously.

Agreement - Environmental Review Services - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement to furnish environmental review services for the possible acquisition of land and development of a soccer complex for a Sports Park with Tom Dodson and Associates, authorized staff to approve contingent costs up to 10 percent over the initial amount, and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

Amendment - Appraisal Services - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to an agreement with James Smothers for appraisal of real property located just south of Redlands East Valley High School and includes APNs 299-041-01 and 299-031-01, and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 6375 - Termination of Local Emergency - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 6375, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands proclaiming termination of a local emergency that existed as a result of the devastating and severe rainstorms which began on January 6, 2005, and continued through January 11, 2005.

Homeland Security Grant - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved authorization to accept the 2005 Homeland Security Grant award of \$20,732.00 from the State of California Office of Homeland Security for improvement of the City of Redlands Fire Department Emergency Terrorism Planning and Response program, and authorized the expenditure of that amount for the City of Redlands Terrorism Program.

Funds - Donation - Disaster Preparedness Program - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously accepted a donation of \$6,707.44 from Harold L. and Sharyl M. Ewart and approved an additional appropriation for the same for the purchase of emergency equipment within the City of Redlands Disaster Preparedness Program.

Funds - AED Equipment - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation of \$26,978.29 to replace existing Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) equipment within the City of Redlands Fire Department and Police Department AED Program.

Funds - Traffic Safety Sobriety Checkpoint Program - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement to accept \$41,676.00 from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for the acceptance of the Traffic Safety Sobriety Checkpoint Program Grant Project No. AM05144, authorized an additional appropriation in the same amount to the Police Department to pay for police personnel overtime, and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

Ordinance No. 2594 - PERS Amendment - Ordinance No. 2594 an ordinance of the City of Redlands amending the contract between the City Council of the City of Redlands and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, to allow sick leave accruals to be converted to service credit, was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil.

Funds - Agreement - Roofing Work Project - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement with Huffman Roof Company for roofing work at 525 University Street, authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City, and approved a budget transfer of \$4,405.00 from the Library capital projects accounts to the Building Maintenance capital account.

Contract Award - Civic Center Elevator - A bid was opened and publicly declared on February 3, 2005, by the City Clerk for the Civic Center Elevator Replacement Project; a bid opening report is on file in the Office of the City Clerk. It was the recommendation of the Administrative Services Department that the responsible bidder submitting the bid for said project which will result in the lowest cost for the City was Amtech Elevator Services in the amount of \$124,000.00 and it would be in the best interest of the City that this contract be awarded to said firm. On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement for

elevator work with Amtech Elevator Services and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

MOU Amendment - GEAR - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously approved Amendment No. 2 of the 2004-2009 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Bernardino Public Employees association representing the General Employees Association of Redlands (GEAR) pertaining to the City's rideshare program and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City.

CDBG Support - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously supported continuation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and authorized the Mayor to sign letters of support to our State Legislators.

Settlement Agreement - Victoria Kouyoumjian - On motion of Councilmember George, seconded by Councilmember Gil, the City Council unanimously acknowledged a Settlement and Release Agreement with Victoria Kouyoumjian for property damage and authorized the Mayor to execute, and the City Clerk to attest to, the document on behalf of the City. The City Council authorized settlement of this lawsuit/claim and this agreement reflects the Council's terms and conditions for settlement.

COMMUNICATIONS

Traffic Signals report - Public Works Director Mutter presented information to the City Council on reasons for the installation of separate left-turn phases on traffic signals at signalized intersections. The decision as to whether or not to install such signalization is not arbitrary on the part of the Traffic Engineer. The decision is based on established guidelines and warrants used nationally. These guidelines and warrants are published in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and this manual is adopted by the State of California for use by all agencies responsible for traffic signals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vehicle Purchase - Public Works Department - Councilmember George moved to approve the purchase of a 2005 Chevrolet CC4500 regular cab 2WD flatbed truck from Rotolo Chevrolet of Fontana for \$35,728.82 for use by the Public Works Department, Street Maintenance Division. Motion seconded by Councilmember Pepler and carried with Councilmember Gilbreath voting NO.

Vehicles Purchase - Building Maintenance - Councilmember Pepler moved to approve the purchase of two Ford 3/4-ton F-250 XL super cab trucks with Pacific truck body from Redlands Ford. Motion seconded by Councilmember

Harrison and carried with Councilmember Gilbreath voting NO. Councilmembers asked for a report on the current status of vehicle replacement included in this year's budget and a consolidation of all department vehicle needs for their review.

NEW BUSINESS

Funds - Vehicle Purchase - Police Department - Councilmember George moved to approve an additional appropriation of \$22,000.00 to be charged against the equipment reserve and authorized the purchase of an undercover vehicle for the Police Department. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gil and carried unanimously.

Budget Subcommittee - Councilmember Harrison moved to approve the formation of a budget subcommittee of the City Council to assist City staff in the development and preparation of the Fiscal Year 2005-06 budget. Motion seconded by Councilmember Pepler and carried unanimously. Councilmember Harrison moved to appoint Councilmember Pepler and Councilmember Harrison to serve on the budget subcommittee. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

JOINT MEETING - CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Resolution No. 6364 - Great Neighborhood Program - Frank Vera asked questions about the low- and moderate-income housing program and was referred to staff for further information. Councilmember Harrison moved to adopt Resolution No. 6364, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Redlands authorizing the use of low- and moderate-income housing funds outside the Redlands Project Area. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath and carried unanimously. (Also see Resolution No. 391 in the Redevelopment Agency minutes for March 1, 2004.)

Public Hearing - Resolution No. 6360 - Stuart Avenue Improvement Project - Public hearing was advertised for this time and place to consider City Council Resolution No. 6360 to authorize payment by the Redlands Redevelopment Agency for preparation of a drainage, water, sewer and street improvement plan and make findings related thereto for the Stuart Avenue Improvement Project. Said Project includes preparation of modified street improvement plans, water and sewer improvement plans, storm flow evaluation and a storm drain system for Stuart Avenue and vicinity within the Redevelopment Project area and is pursuant to Section 33445 of the California Health and Safety Code. Councilmember Pepler moved to continue this public hearing to March 15, 2005, as requested by staff. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gil and carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council meeting recessed at 3:27 P.M. with the announcement the meeting would reconvene following the Redevelopment Agency meeting to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Appointment/Employment of Fire Chief - Government Code Section 54957
2. Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Marjie Pettus, Tina Kundig, and John Davidson
Employee Organizations: Redlands Association of Safety Management Employees, Redlands Police Officers Association and Redlands Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 1354

Following the Redevelopment Agency meeting, the City Council meeting reconvened at 3:33 P.M. to allow a public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Recreation Program - Dave Eason told Councilmembers that a good recreation program in the City was important. He has heard about a proposal for a ballot measure to increase the sales tax by 1/4 percent for the Emerald Necklace/Open Space concept and said he would support this proposal if it included recreation programs.

At 3:36 P.M. the City Council meeting went into the closed session to discuss the matters announced earlier. The meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on their activities and attendance at meetings during the past two weeks.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CDBG Allocations - A public hearing was advertised for this time and place to establish prioritization and funding distribution of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposals for the 2005-06 funding cycle. Assisted by Public Works Director Mutter operating the PowerPoint spread sheet, Administrative Services Director Pettus introduced CDBG Administrator Mary Petite. Ms. Petite said this is the 31st year of implementing the CDBG program. This year the City received 30 proposals totaling \$1,278,301.00 in requested CDBG funds. This year, the City's HUD allocation is \$391,327.00. The 15 percent funding limit for public services activities continues to apply to the 2005-06 program year. However, San Bernardino County Economic and Community Development Department has stated that Redlands may add a portion of its 10 percent Administration allocation to public services activities. This is possible because the staff position administering the Community

Development Block Grant program is also funded under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant. Therefore, the CDBG funding total that the City of Redlands may allocate to its priority public service projects is \$73,450.00. The maximum construction fund total is \$293,495.00.

Mayor Pepler declared the meeting open as a public hearing. Representatives from the following organizations addressed the City Council and responded to Councilmembers' questions: After School Growth Computer Literacy Program, Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Christian Counseling Services, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County for Meals on Wheels, Community Investment Corporation, City of Redlands Administrative Services for Program Administration, City of Redlands Fire Department, City of Redlands Police Department for the Community Center Roof and Recreation 4 Teens, City of Redlands Public Works Department for the Civic Center ADA Project, City of Redlands Solid Waste Division for a blight abatement program, Family Service Association of Redlands, Gang Reduction Intervention Team (GRIT), Inland Empire Conservation Corps for two programs, Inland Temporary Homes, Inland Valleys Justice Center, Legal Aid of Redlands, Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino, Oasis Christian Fellowship Church, Operation Troupe, Redlands Community Music Association, Redlands-Yucaipa Guidance Clinic, and San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services, Inc. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:11 P.M. Following discussion, Councilmember Gil moved to approve the individual project allocations as follows. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

Public Service	Amount
Boys and Girls Club of Redlands, Inc. (Youth Development and Education)	\$5,000.00
Camp Fire Boys and Girls (Subsidized Camping Experience)	2,400.00
Christian Counseling Services (Counseling)	5,000.00
Community Action Partnership of SB County (Meals on Wheels)	5,000.00
City of Redlands Police Department (Recreation 4 Teens)	15,000.00
DASH, Inc. (Geriatric Services)	5,000.00
Family Service Association of Redlands (Case Management)	10,000.00
Gang Reduction Intervention Team (GRIT) (Gang Intervention Classes)	5,000.00
Inland Temporary Homes (Executive Director Funding)	5,000.00
Legal Aid of Redlands	

(Legal Aid Services - YMCA of the East Valley)	5,000.00	
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino (Legal Services)	1,000.00	
Redlands Community Music Association (Children's Workshop Series)	5,050.00	
San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services, Inc. (Crisis Intervention)	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Public Service		\$73,450.00
 Construction/Acquisition Projects		
City of Redlands Police Department (Community Center Roof)	\$196,066.00	
City of Redlands Public Works Department (Civic Center ADA)	<u>97,429.00</u>	
Total Construction/Acquisition Projects		\$293,495.00
 CDBG Administration		
City of Redlands Administrative Services (Program Administration)	<u>\$24,382.00</u>	
Total CDBG Administration		<u>\$24,382.00</u>
 Total Allocation		 \$391,327.00

The City Council meeting recessed at 8:40 P.M. and reconvened at 8:47 P.M.

LAND USE AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

ESRI Applicant - Due to a potential conflict of interest, Councilmember Harrison retired from the Council Chambers and did not participate in this matter; a Public Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest form is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Public notice was advertised for this time and place to consider a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration as well a public hearing for General Plan Amendment No. 2005-1-D, a General Plan amendment to the Circulation Element to remove and vacate approximately 230 feet of New York Street north of the intersection with State Street, and a General Plan land use designation amendment from Light Industrial, Commercial and Linear Park Overlay to Office; a public hearing for Zone Change No. 401, a change of zone from M-1 (Light Industrial) District, M-2 (General Industrial) District, M-P (Planned Industrial) District and C-4 (Highway Commercial) District to A-P (Administrative and Professional Office) District on 27.94 acres located on both sides of New York Street, north of State Street and east of Tennessee Street; and Street Vacation No. 127 for a portion of New York Street located north of the intersection of State Street. Community Development Director Shaw reviewed the proposed project noting the Planning Commission reviewed the project on January 25, 2005, and recommended the City Council approve the Negative Declaration, General Plan amendment and zone change. A proposed

Development Agreement, which is a part of this project, was also reviewed by the Planning Commission which was continued to their meeting on February 22, 2005, to allow the applicant to meet with staff and the City Attorney to discuss and clarify issues raised by staff. Staff recommended the City Council hear testimony at this time and then continue consideration of these matters to April 5, 2005, for adoption concurrent with the first cycle of General Plan amendments of 2005, and that the City Council defer action on the vacation of a portion of New York Street pending completion of Planning Division Conditions of Approvals when the traffic signal improvements and pedestrian access have been completed. Mayor Pepler declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any questions or comments. Representing the applicant, Pat Meyer said they will provide pedestrian and handicapped access from State Street to the Post Office, install the signal at State and Tennessee Streets, and agreed to all the conditions of approval.

Negative Declaration - Councilmember Pepler moved to continue consideration of the Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment No. 2005-I-D and Zone Change No. 401 to April 5, 2005. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath and carried with Councilmember Harrison abstaining.

General Plan Amendment No. 2005-1-D - Councilmember Pepler moved to continue the public hearing for General Plan Amendment No. 2005-1-D to April 5, 2005, for adoption with the first cycle of General Plan amendments of 2005. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gil and carried with Councilmember Harrison abstaining.

Zone Change No. 401 - Councilmember Pepler moved to continue the public hearing for Zone Change No. 401 to April 5, 2005. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gil and carried with Councilmember Harrison abstaining.

Street Vacation No. 127 - Councilmember Pepler moved to table Street Vacation No. 127 and directed staff to bring back the resolution to the City Council pending completion of Planning Division Conditions of Approval Nos. 4, 5, and 6. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gil and carried with Councilmember Harrison abstaining.

Arief Naftali, Applicant - Public notice was advertised for this time and place to consider a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration as well as a public hearing for a Socio-Economic Analysis and Cost/Benefit Study and a public hearing for General Plan Amendment No. 2005-1-B, a General Plan amendment to change the land use designation from Agriculture to Very-Low-Density Residential on 41.22 gross acres located on the west side of Wabash Avenue, south of San Bernardino Avenue and north of Capri Avenue in the A-1 (Agricultural) District; a public hearing for Agricultural Preserve Removal No. 106, an agricultural preserve removal of 41.22 gross acres located on the west side of Wabash Avenue, south of San Bernardino Avenue and north of Capri Avenue in the A-1 (Agricultural); a public hearing for Zone Change No. 406, a change of zone from A-1 (Agricultural) District to R-E (Residential Estate) District on one

parcel totaling 41.22 gross acres located on the west side of Wabash Avenue, south of San Bernardino Avenue and north of Capri Avenue in the A-1 (Agricultural) District; a public hearing for Conditional Use Permit No. 834, a conditional use permit for a Planned Residential Development on 41.22 gross acres into 76 residential lots and four common lots located on the west side of Wabash Avenue, south of San Bernardino Avenue and north of Capri Avenue in the A-1 (Agricultural) District, proposed R-E (Residential Estate); and a public hearing for Tentative Tract No. 16878, a tentative tract map to subdivide approximately 41.22 gross acres into 76 residential lots and four common lots located on the west side of Wabash Avenue, south of San Bernardino Avenue and north of Capri Avenue in the A-1 (Agricultural) District, proposed R-E (Residential Estate). Community Development Director Shaw reviewed the project and recommended the City Council hear testimony at this time and approve the mitigated negative declaration and Socio-Economic Analysis and Cost/Benefit Study but continue consideration of the other matters to April 5, 2005, for adoption concurrent with the first cycle of General Plan amendments of 2005. Mayor Pepler declared the meeting open as a public hearing for any question or comments. Mr. Naftali was available for any questions.

Mitigated Negative Declaration - Councilmember Pepler moved to approve the Environmental Review Committee's mitigated negative declaration for General Plan Amendment No. 2005-1-B, Agricultural Preserve Removal No. 106, Zone Change No. 406, Tentative Tract No. 16878, and Conditional Use Permit No. 834 based on the finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, determining this project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse impact on wildlife resources as defined in Section 711.2 of the California Fish and Game Code and directed staff to file and post a Notice of Determination in accordance with the City's guidelines. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

Socio-Economic Analysis and Cost/Benefit Study- Councilmember Pepler moved to approve the Socio-Economic Analysis and Cost/Benefit Study for General Plan Amendment No. 2005-1-B, Agricultural Preserve Removal No. 106, Zone Change No. 406, Tentative Tract No. 16878, and Conditional Use Permit No. 834 as it has been determined that this project will not create unmitigable physical blight or overburden public services in the community and no additional information or evaluation is needed. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

General Plan Amendment No. 2005-1-B - Councilmember Pepler moved to continue the public hearing for General Plan Amendment No. 2005-1-B to April 5, 2005, for adoption with the first cycle of the General Plan amendments of 2005. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

Agricultural Preserve Removal No. 106 - Councilmember Pepler moved to continue the public hearing for Agricultural Preserve Removal No. 106 to April 5, 2005. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

Zone Change No. 406 - Councilmember Pepler moved to continue the public hearing for Zone Change No. 406 to April 5, 2005. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit No. 834 - Councilmember Pepler moved to continue the public hearing for Conditional Use Permit No. 834 to April 5, 2005. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

Tentative Tract No. 16878 - Councilmember Pepler moved to continue the public hearing for Tentative Tract No. 16878 to April 5, 2005. Motion seconded by Councilmember Harrison and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment - Fire Chief - City Manager Davidson reported that after 14 years of dedicated service with the City of Redlands and over 42 years of service in the profession, Fire Chief Mel Enslow has submitted his notice of retirement effective July 18, 2005. With the scheduled departure of Fire Chief Enslow, it is time for the City to consider the selection of a new fire chief. During the closed session this afternoon, City Manager Davidson presented a succession plan and recommended appointment of James Drabinski as the new Fire Chief effective upon Mr. Enslow's retirement. Councilmember Pepler moved to ratify the appointment of James Drabinski as recommended. Motion seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lugonia Community Association - Donna Nye addressed the City Council to advise them that rumors are not true that the Lugonia Community Association has disbanded, and that no one from the Lugonia Community Association is soliciting funds at this time.

Cinco de Mayo Festival - Daniel Flores, Sal Gutierrez, Esther Jimenez, Angelina Flores and Denise Vasquez questioned, at length, why the car cruise scheduled for the evening of Saturday May 7, 2005, was not going to allow "low riders" in the event. The speakers felt this was discrimination and asked that the flyer be reprinted and that a formal apology be extended. Councilmember George responded to the speakers assuring them this situation would be resolved at the committee meeting to be held in two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 10:03 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on March 15, 2005.