

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 July 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; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Robert Dawes, City Treasurer; Farah Jenner, Assistant Finance Director; 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; James Garland, Internal Auditor; 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) - One Case
  - a. Farmers Insurance Exchange v. City of Redlands et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1515814
2. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3) - One Case
  - a. Facts and circumstance - Consideration of a letter from the EPA threatening City liability for costs associated with the clean-up of tanks located on APN 0171-022-13
3. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
  - Property: APNs 0171-053-03, -04 & -06 and 0171-251-06, -07, -08, -09 & -10
  - Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
  - Negotiating party: Travis King, Brixton Redlands LLC
  - Under negotiation: Terms of payment and price for the purchase of City property

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

City Attorney McHugh announced that no reportable action was taken by the City Council during the closed session.

PRESENTATIONS:

RUDY Pet Adoptions – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller introduced “Lacy”, a two-year old female Terrier/Poodle mix, who is available for adoption along with twenty-six other dogs and seventy-two cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller announced that twenty-seven dogs and thirty-nine cats were adopted since the last City Council meeting.

One More Hero - Due to the absence of Erik Reeves from the State of the City meeting on June 24, 2016, Mayor Foster took the opportunity during this meeting to recognize him as a 2016 Redlands Employee Hero.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Transparency - Steve Rogers described his frustration through incidents of his attempts to gain information from staff.

Cost Effectiveness - Dennis Bell questioned the wisdom of utilizing tax payer money to provide fee waivers, the General Plan update, and gateway landscape beautification efforts.

Independence Day Celebration - Carolyn Hayes and Esther Ringer expressed appreciation for the 4th of July Committee's events at Sylvan Park and the University of Redlands Stadium. Ms. Ringer suggested the downtown business area should be draped in American flags for the day.

Credibility - Having been criticized for credibility of some of his remarks at previous City Council meetings, Greg Brittain cited sources for each statistic he presented for consideration as to the costs of alternate forms of energy.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special meeting of June 1, 2016 and the regular meeting of June 21, 2016.

Consulting Amendment - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a no-cost amendment to an agreement between the City of Redlands and Thomas Steele to provide supplemental consulting work, to include advising on year-end procedures.

Resolutions No. 7649 and 7650 - CFD Tax Levy - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously

approved Resolutions No. 7649 and 7650 levying special taxes within the City of Redlands Community Facilities Districts (CFD) No. 2003-1 (Redlands Business Center) and 2001-1 (Northwest Development Project).

Grant Agreement - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control concerning the distribution of a grant award totaling \$24,491.00, an appropriation in the same amount to the Police Department, and authorized the Chief of Police to sign and execute any agreements concerning the distribution of the grant.

Water Source Conversion – As public comment, Bill Cunningham complimented staff for their efforts to utilize nonpotable water sources. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved authorization for the Municipal Utilities and Engineering staff to complete engineering plans and specifications to convert the Crafton Hills College irrigation systems to utilize nonpotable water.

Resolution No. 7651 - CFD Tax Levy - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7651 levying special taxes within the City of Redlands Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2004-1.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Passenger Rail Update – Tim Watkins of San Bernardino Associated Governments provided an update of the Redlands Passenger Rail Project. He discussed outreach efforts and the schedule for branding the Project. As public comment, Greg Brittain restated his opposition to the Project. Ken Hunter expressed concerns as to the source of funds to operate and maintain the trains after the system is built. Steve Rogers suggested the project track should terminate at New York Street.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance Coverage Binder - Human Resources Director Amy Martin summarized changes to the City of Redlands insurance coverage binder. As public comment, Steve Rogers predicted an increase in the number of lawsuits against the City in the future. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the acknowledgement to bind coverage for the City's Public Entity Excess Liability Insurance with Alliant Insurance Company and Hallmark Specialty Insurance Company.

Resolution No. 7644 - Appropriations Limit – Farrah Jenner, of the Finance Department, explained the factors considered in deriving the City's appropriations limit. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7644 establishing a \$111,300,300.00 appropriations limit for FY 2016-2017 pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

Resolutions No. 7654 and 7655 - Watering Restrictions – Cecilia Griego, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, explained the proposed changes to be made to the City of Redlands Water Conservation Plan. As public comment, Bill Cunningham, Maggie Barrett and Andy Hoder expressed their dissatisfaction with the proposed changes. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed adoption of Resolution Nos. 7654 and 7655 are exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the state guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the adoption of Resolution No. 7654 implementing modifications to the City’s Water Conservation Plan and rescinding Resolution Nos. 7506 and 7587; and approved the adoption of Resolution No. 7655 amending the City’s water efficiency rebate program and rescinding Resolution No. 7523.

Ordinance No. 2836 - Undergrounding Utilities – Kjeld Lindsted, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented a proposal to require undergrounding of utilities. As public comment, Steve Rogers expressed his confusion with the proposal. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2836 amending Chapter 12.22 of the Redlands Municipal Code to require the undergrounding of new utility work in areas where utilities have been undergrounded as a condition of prior development.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance - Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Chris Diggs presented details of a wastewater treatment digester recoating project. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed approval of the contract and construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Digester 1 and 2 Recoating Project, Project No. 73415, is categorically exempt from further environmental review in accordance with Section 15301 of the guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, and approved a contract, in the amount of \$366,520.00, between the City of Redlands and Blastco Inc, for the work.

Resolution No. 7653 - Reduced Adoption Fees - Police Chief Mark Garcia explained a request to temporarily reduce fees associated with pet adoption. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7653 approving the temporary reduction of animal adoption fees in support of the Steinorth 100 Free Pet Adoption Event to be held on August 5-7, 2016 at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Councilmember Barich recused himself from discussion and voting on this motion due to his participation in the event.

Real Property Purchase - Development Services Director Oscar Orci presented details of a proposal to purchase property for use as a City citrus grove. As public comment, Andy Hoder and Dennis Bell questioned the cost effectiveness of the proposed purchase. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council agreed the proposed purchase and sale agreement is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act, and approved the agreement and Escrow Instructions for the acquisition of APN 0292-034-02, -05 and -

08 from Robert W. Best, Trustee of the Robert W. Best Family Trust, dated August 22, 1994, and Robert R. Brenner, Trustee of the Robert R and Sue A. Brenner Charitable Remainder Unitrust, dated December 29, 1993. Councilmember Barich voted No on the motions.

Resolution No. 7652 - Paramedic Tax - Fire Chief Jeff Frazier summarized the special tax for emergency paramedic services. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7652 establishing the rate for the voter-approved special tax for emergency paramedic service for FY 2016-2017.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolution No. 7628 – Landscape Maintenance District Assessments - Mayor Foster opened the public hearing and called upon Ross Wittman, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, for details on a request to implement assessments for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7628 approving the Engineer’s Report for Landscape Maintenance District No.1 and implementing the assessments for FY 2016-2017.

Resolution No. 7632 – Street Lighting District Assessments - Mayor Foster opened the public hearing and called upon Ross Wittman, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, for details on a request to implement assessments for Street Lighting Maintenance District No. 1. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7632 approving the Engineer’s Report for Street Lighting District No. 1 and implementing the assessments for FY 2016-2017.

#### COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

All five members of the City Council attended the annual State of the City Luncheon hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at the Orton Center of the University of Redlands on June 24, 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison and Councilmember Gilbreath have been attending Redlands Passenger Rail meetings with San Bernardino Associated Governments

Mayor Foster and Councilmembers Gilbreath, Barich and James attended the festivities in celebration of Independence Day and dedicated the bandstand at Sylvan Park to the memory of Curtiss Allen, Sr.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 7:37 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Redlands City Council is scheduled on July 19, 2016.