

MINUTES of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on December 9, 2008, at 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT Jon Harrison, Mayor
Pat Gilbreath, Mayor Pro Tem
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember
Pete Aguilar, Councilmember
Jerry Bean, Councilmember

ABSENT None

STAFF N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk; Tom Fitzmaurice, Police Commander; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Daniel Hobbs, Redevelopment Agency Director; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Jeff L. Frazier, Fire Chief; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director; Todd Housley, Quality of Life Operations Manager

Public Comments - Mayor Harrison called the special meeting of the City Council to order and provided an opportunity for the public to address them on the subjects which were scheduled on the agenda. There were no comments forthcoming.

Civic Center/Police Facility - Community Development Director Orci reviewed the various issues addressed by the Safety Hall Ad-Hoc Committee including the preparation of an interim relocation plan for the City Council review and development of a permanent solution related to the Safety Hall facility. The purpose of this workshop was to request direction from the City Council and community regarding the development of a new Civic Center or Safety Hall and consultant assistance. Solely based on the deteriorating market conditions coupled with the lower blended construction costs and the number of City assets, staff recommended the development of a Civic Center as well as soliciting "Requests for Proposals" for consultants to assist. Councilmembers discussed this matter at length. By consensus, with Councilmember Bean not agreeing with the majority of Councilmembers as he wanted the scope to be limited to issues surrounding only Safety Hall, the City Council directed staff to move forward with the "Requests for Proposals" and to look at a Civic Center and, if needed, narrow the scope to Safety Hall plus funds needed for maintenance of existing facilities and to get an opinion from the consultant as the best use of the parcel the Civic Center is currently located on as to what

would bring the City the most revenue. The Ad-Hoc Committee will continue to meet and bring forward its recommendations to the City Council.

Redlands Economic Development Plan - The City Council continued its review and discussion regarding the Economic Development Strategy Report first presented to the City Council on September 16, 2008, and again on October 21, 2008, and November 4, 2008. With Chief Information Officer Hexem recording Councilmembers' comments, Redevelopment and Economic Development Director Hobbs and Dr. John E. Husing, Economic & Politics, Inc. worked with Councilmembers as they reviewed the document. Jeff Sceranka addressed the City Council about marketing Redlands.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amtrak Station - Bill Cunningham informed Councilmembers the City of Loma Linda is applying for an Amtrak Station and felt the City of Redlands should indicate support for their application.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council meeting recessed at 10:03 A.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code §54957.6
 - a. Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez and
Debbie Scott-Leistra
Employee organizations: Redlands Police Officers Association;
Redlands Professional Firefighters Association; Redlands Association of
Safety Management Employees; and Redlands Association of Fire
Management Employees
2. Conference with legal counsel - Government Code §54956.9(b)
 - a. One case: Facts and circumstances: Consideration of Claim of Rocky
Comfort Mutual Water Company

ADJOURNMENT

No report was expected following the closed session. The next regular meeting will be held on December 16, 2008.