

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 October 4, 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; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jim Topoleski, Fire Battalion Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; Danielle Garcia, Chief Innovation Officer; Chris Diggs, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Chris Boatman, Quality of Life Director; Farrah Jenner, Assistant Finance Director; James Troyer, Interim 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. Williams v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1607191
  - b. Harris v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1603131
  - c. Nakhaee v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1603718
2. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)(e)(2) - Two Cases
  - a. Facts and circumstances: Consideration of subrogation claim filed against State Farm Insurance by the City of Redlands
  - b. Facts and circumstances: Consideration of subrogation claim filed against Lexington Insurance Company by the City of Redlands

3. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
  - Property: APN 0292-192-19 (1615 Park Avenue)
  - Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, James Troyer
  - Negotiating party: Patrick O'Brien
  - Under negotiation: Terms of payment and price for the purchase of City property
  
4. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
  - Property: APNs 0292-184-02, -05 & -08 and 0169-351-04 & -07
  - Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Danielle Garcia and Chris Boatman
  - Negotiating party: Gonkira Properties, LLC, Cheryl Nelson
  - Under negotiation: Terms of payment and price for the purchase of property by the City

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Councilmember Gilbreath 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 “Forest”, a one and a half year old male German shepherd mix, who is available for adoption along with thirty-seven other dogs and eighty-seven cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller announced that twenty-five dogs and thirty-five cats were adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Public Works Recognition - Steve Hosford, Vice President of the Inland Empire Chapter of the American Public Works Association (AWPA) presented the AWPA 2016 Project of the Year Award to Chris Diggs, representing the City of Redlands Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, for the Alabama Street, Redlands Boulevard and Colton Avenue Intersections Project.

Photo Contest Winners - Mayor Foster, assisted by General Plan Update Administrator Troy Clark, presented awards to the winners of the City of Redlands Photography Competition. Receiving recognition were Marcus Dashoff, Sarah Leck, Eddie Corral, Marcelo Villacres, Ross Sibley, Ashlyn Walker, Kristen Eradecs, Ally Latham, and Izzy Giorgianni. The winning photos will be used to beautify the finished document of the General Plan 2035.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

General Plan Update - Mario Saucedo offered compliments and suggestions for additions to the draft General Plan 2035.

Building and Safety Practices – Kevin Bath, Rhonda Stanton and Al Eshleman relayed observations on an incident involving an application for a permit to install an electric panel at 215 San Jacinto Street. Details on the incident will be examined by staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2016 and the special meeting of September 29, 2016.

Proclamation – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring the period from October 23 to 30, 2016 as *Binational Health Week*.

Discounted Degrees – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved a Corporate Partner Agreement between the City of Redlands and the University of Redlands to provide discounted degree programs to City employee participants and their qualified dependents.

Mailing Services – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the agreement between the City of Redlands and Inland Presort and Mailing Services for mailing and presort services.

Scouting Contacts – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the agreement for the use of the Scout House in Mentone, between the City of Redlands and Friends of Scouting, Parents of Grayback District Troop 3. The amendment updates contact information for Troop 3 representatives.

Accessory Parking - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved an additional appropriation, in the amount of \$20,000.00, from the Palmetto Grove proceeds for the construction of the Alessandro Road future accessory parking facility.

Grant Application - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved authorization for the submittal of an application to the US Department of Homeland Security for the FY 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Resolution No. 7675 – Investment Authority – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7675 delegating investment authority to the City Treasurer pursuant to Government Code Section 53607.

Resolution No. 7677 – Investment Fund Participation – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7677 authorizing investment of City monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund and rescinding Resolution No. 7247.

Resolution No. 7678 – Signing Authority – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7678 providing for unanimously authorized signers with all accounts held with Union Bank.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Veterans' Benefit - Mayor Foster introduced discussion relating to the possible waiver of business license taxes for veterans. The Mayor referenced a memorandum relating to this matter prepared by the City Attorney for the Council's consideration. As public comment, Andy Hoder expressed support for the waiver and suggested other opportunities to provide benefits to veterans. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously determined that the business license exemption available for veterans pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 16001.7 is applicable to the City of Redlands business license tax.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Library ADA Improvements - Risa Jones, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided an overview of a project to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) deficiencies at the library. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously determined approval of the agreement and construction of A.K. Smiley Public Library Restroom ADA Improvements, Project No. 43059, is categorically exempt from further environmental review in accordance with Section 15301 of state guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act and 24 CFR Part 58, Subpart D of the Code of Federal Regulations; approved the Project plans and specifications; and awarded a construction contract to R Dependable Construction, Inc. for the bid in the amount of \$89,000.

Railroad Quiet Zone –Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Chris Diggs presented details on a request for noise abatement at the Alessandro Road railroad crossing. As public comment, Andy Hoder suggested the funding for requested quiet zone should come from the residents in the immediately adjacent neighborhood. John Husing, Raul Rodriguez, Tandy Hill and Eamonn McGloin provided the history of the quiet zone request and restated their support. On motion of Mayor Foster, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to continue this item until the mid-year budget review.

Big Jump – Kjeld Lindsted, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented an overview of the Big Jump Project, a program to expand bicycle usage nationwide. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously authorized Mayor Foster, or any councilmember, to sign a letter of support for a Big Jump Project application.

Smart Growth America – Kjeld Lindsted, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented an overview of Smart Growth America, a program to provide assistance and training in research, policy guidance, and technical support to local agencies across the United States towards improving community livability and sustainability. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously authorized Mayor Foster, or any councilmember, to sign a letter of support for a Smart Growth America Technical Workshop application.

Airport Improvements – Will Hamilton, of the Quality of Life Department, summarized planned airport improvements. As public comment, Ted Gablin, President of the Redlands Airport Association, expressed his support and appreciation for the improvements afforded by the proposed project. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously determined that approval of the agreement and construction of the Redlands Municipal Airport Runway 8-26 Lighting and Signage Improvement Project is categorically exempt from further environmental review in accordance with Section 15301 of the state guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; awarded a construction contract with RB Development in the amount of \$820,870.00 for the Project and appropriated \$469,374.00 into the Aviation Operating Fund.

Tree Trimming Vehicle - Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman outlined a plan for funding equipment needs for the City's tree trimming crew. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the purchase of a 2016 321F Wheel Loader from Sonsray Machinery LLC, in the amount of \$113,698.21 and designated \$30,301.79, the remaining balance of funds budgeted for the purchase, for the future replacement of a Quality of Life Streets Division dump truck.

OTS Grant Distribution - Police Chief Mark Garcia presented background on a grant award to the Police Department from the California Office of Transportation Safety (OTS). On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and OTS concerning the distribution of a grant award totaling \$115,000; appropriated the \$115,000 to the Police Department; and unanimously authorized the Chief of Police to sign and execute any agreements concerning the grant.

## COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison - Said it is good to be back from vacation and thanked Councilmember Gilbreath for filling in on various boards and commissions while he was gone.

Councilmember James attended a meeting of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy.

Councilmember Gilbreath attended the *Dinner in the Grove* fundraiser for the Family Service Association of Redlands and a meeting of the Omnitrans Board.

Councilmember Barich attended the 50th Anniversary celebration for Moore Middle School.

Mayor Foster and Councilmember Barich attended the Redlands Optimists Oktoberfest.

Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath attended a scholarship dinner held by the Northside Impact Committee at which Police Chief Mark Garcia was recognized as Police Officer of the Year.

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 7:14 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Redlands City Council is scheduled on October 18, 2016.