

MINUTES

of a joint special meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on June 1, 2011, at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Pete Aguilar, Mayor
Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Jerry Bean, Councilmember
Bob Gardner, Councilmember

ABSENT

None

STAFF

N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jim Bueermann, Police Chief; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar W. Orci, Development Services Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director

Mayor Aguilar called the special meeting of the City Council to order and provided an opportunity for the public to comment on the subject on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Ford – Asked Council to allow homeowners, via permitting process, to trim trees as necessary. He also commented that our ADA Improvement program was moving at a very slow crawl and specifically mentioned Palm Avenue and the lack of sidewalk cutouts there.

Crossing Guards – Bob Scarface thanked the City for having the crosswalk program and asked Council to save it. He urged everyone, including parents, to be responsible and help get children to school safely, please do not use volunteers.

Lee Shirley – Recognizes the Council’s difficult task ahead regarding the budget but feels the Council has not done enough to reduce the benefits of public sector employees and considers everything to cozy. Be responsible and do something about this.

Recreation Cuts - Roy Cencirulo, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission voiced concerns about continued cuts to this division, given the approximate 60% cuts over the last couple years. He asked that the additional monies needed to save other programs not come from this division.

PRESENTATIONS

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget – Subcommittee Councilmembers Bean and Gardner detailed the role of the subcommittee and each thanked staff and City Manager for their efforts in producing a good proposed balanced budget. City Manager thanked the Council and subcommittee for their participation in this process and said we are at the end of the line and will most likely pursue further reductions later in this year because of the gloomy economy and noted there is no contingency contained in this budget. Finance Director/City Treasurer Kundig introduced Carl Baker who presented an informational overview of the 2011-2012 \$172 million budget. The proposed balanced budget is not without pain or risk and fills a \$3.9 million gap entirely through cuts, using no reserves, borrowing or extra taxes and protects the core services. The suggested cuts are personnel changes, eliminate contract tree trimming and crossing guard contract, reduce vehicle purchases for police and fire, reducing liability and worker's compensation accounts, 19 layoffs and closing City Hall between Christmas and New Year's Day. After lengthy discussion, Councilmembers asked for further information on the fee waivers for community events, crossing guards, ADA compliance and Downtown Redlands Business Association and Market Night, Bond expirations and sustainability efforts to be quantified.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Crossing Guards – Gloria Wade urged the council to save the crossing guards as many of our schools require children to cross very busy streets and children are not responsible to cross streets alone.

Water Mains – Bruce Laycook noted the deteriorating infrastructure of water mains and all the leaks occurring. He also asked that public comments related to agenda items be at end of meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the joint meeting adjourned at 6:07 P.M. to another joint special meeting of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Redlands will be held on June 6, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

City Clerk