

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 December 6, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Scott McDonald, Fire Battalion Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Fred Mousavipour, Interim Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Debbie Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director

Mayor Aguilar 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 at 5:00 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
Property: APNs 0169-011-38 and -39
Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
Negotiating party: John Semcken, III, Redlands Joint Venture
Under negotiation: Terms and price for City purchase of property.

The meeting reconvened at 6:02 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Aguilar followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

City Attorney McHugh announced no reportable actions were taken during the closed session.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Volunteers Linda Ackerman and Cyndy Dunham introduced Biscuit, a two year old, male miniature Pinscher, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter along with fifty-four other dogs, sixty cats and one cockatoo. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council fifty-four dogs and twenty-seven cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Essay Winners – Gary Seipel, of the 4400 Project, assisted by Chris Martin, Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club President, and Mayor Aguilar, presented certificates and monetary awards to the winners of the Sunrise Rotary 4400 Project Constitution Essay Contest. First place was awarded to Garry Lawrence, second place to Melanie Ryan, and third place to Ryley Raney. A revolving trophy was presented to The Packing House School for the most points received in the contest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Storm Drain Problems – Jo Hale, a resident at Casa de la Vista Senior Housing, outlined a schedule of events involving her attempts to correct a flooding situation associated with a storm drain near her apartment. She said the problem was first identified in December 2010, City staff efforts are taking too long to mitigate the flooding and she requested some insight as to when her problem would be resolved.

Kiwanis Activities – Donna Ferracone, Kiwanis Club of Redlands President, thanked the City staff and the City Council for their support of the annual Christmas Parade. She also announced a Sweetheart Bowl-A-Thon for Special Olympics to be held on February 12, 2012 and challenged the City Council, Police Department, and Fire Department to enter teams.

CITY COMMISSION, BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cultural Arts Commission – Chairman Tony Amendt began with a review of the recent activities supported by the Commission. In April 2011, the Commission sponsored the second annual Redlands Artistic Youth Show (RAYS) which was a great success. In October, they presented “The Body as Canvas” a photography show exploring the art of tattooing. For the future, the Commission is looking forward to working on the Santa Ana Trail Project and is considering a proposal to establish a cultural/performing/visual arts center in Redlands utilizing the former Safety Hall building or the Redlands Mall.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special and regular meetings of November 15, 2011 and the special meeting on November 21, 2011.

Ordinance No. 2764 – Parks and Animals – This Ordinance will be readdressed at the December 20, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting.

Proclamation – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation recognizing November 21 through 27, 2011 as *Girl Effect Week*.

Ordinance No. 2761 – Local Preference Program – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2761 amending Chapter 2.16 of the Redlands Municipal Code to establish a local business preference program for the City of Redlands procurement of goods, equipment and services, including public projects with an expenditure of less than \$30,000

Settlement Disclosure - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved public release of details of a settlement and release agreement between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Country Club regarding nonpotable water rates for irrigation needs of the Club.

Surrounding Area Project - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file a notice of a pending project received from the County of San Bernardino. The notice highlights a development proposal for a conditional use permit to build a 425,000 square foot warehouse/distribution center on 18.3 acres located on the southeast corner of Almond Avenue and Nevada Street. Staff was directed to draft a letter to the County opposing the project and indicating that the large warehouse/distribution centers should not be permitted to encroach southerly of Almond Avenue.

Ordinance No. 2759 and Resolution No. 7095 – Recreational Vehicle Storage – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2759 amending Chapter 18.112 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to conditional uses permitted in the I-P District.

Solar Racing Event – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a \$2,000 level of participation by the City of Redlands in the 2012 H2O Solar Racing

Event to provide local high school students the opportunity to learn multiple aspects of water resource conservation, engineering, science, team work and problem solving.

Ordinance No. 2754 – Nonpotable Water Rates - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2754 amending Chapter 3.53 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to non-potable water usage charges. The new ordinance introduces the two-tiered rate structure to encourage existing customers to undertake the conversion of their plumbing system to accept nonpotable water in exchange for receiving a fixed rate reduction in their water bill.

Grant Acceptance - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of an Office of Transportation Safety Sobriety Checkpoint Mini-Grant in the amount of \$60,750 and authorized an additional appropriation to the Police Department for that amount.

Donation Acceptance - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a donation from the Redlands Community Foundation Ladder Truck Fund Raising Committee in the amount of \$85,000 and authorized a supplemental appropriation for that amount to the Fire Department for the purchase of fire suppression related equipment and hydraulic rescue tools for the newly acquired aerial ladder truck.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Lobbyist Report – Letitia White, of Innovative Federal Strategies provided a brief report and update regarding federal legislative advocate efforts.

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation – In response to concerns surrounding a shooting incident at Charlie Jewell’s Bar on November 19, 2011, Chief Garcia summarized options under consideration to mitigate future problems associated with establishments serving or retailing alcoholic beverages. Staff has preliminarily identified several regulatory mechanisms such as extraordinary law enforcement fees, conditional use permits, and/or a deemed approved ordinance which could be enacted to require accountability by businesses that create service drains for City staff. As a public comment, Mario Saucedo announced the formation of the Common Vision Coalition to create healthy neighborhoods. Part of the coalition is a Substance Abuse Committee which is working to produce a safer environment for the youth of Redlands. Bill Cunningham observed that incidents such as the one at Charlie Jewell’s have resulted residents no longer coming downtown for an evening of dinner and a

movie. Guidance from the City Council encouraged the continued exploration and reporting back on the options under consideration.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance No. 2760 – Disestablishment of PBIA B - Mayor Aguilar opened the public hearing and called for a report from Heather Smith, of the Development Services Department, for background on the effort to disestablish Parking and Business Improvement Area B (PBIA B). On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2760 ordering the disestablishment of PBIA B and repealing Chapter 18.216 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to Redlands PBIA B.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plan Amendment – Janet Miller, of the Development Services Department, informed the Council that the goals of the City’s Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2009-2014) cannot be met and an amendment will be necessary. As a public comment, Steve Rogers summarized the evolution of the Consolidated Plan. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved directing staff to prepare an amendment to the Plan in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan guidelines and to publish a Notice of Funds Availability informing the public that approximately \$76,800 in Community Development Block Grant funding to qualifying public service agencies will be available in FY 2012-2013.

Internship Program – Tabettha Johnson, City of Redlands Volunteer Coordinator, introduced a plan arrangement between the City of Redlands and San Bernardino Valley College for participation in the Water Supply Technology Management Veterans’ Career Pathway into Sustainable Jobs Pilot Program.

Ordinance No. 2765 – Mobile Billboard Advertising - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2765 adding Chapter 8.58 to the Redlands Municipal Code establishing regulations governing mobile billboard advertising. As a public comment, Bill Cunningham pointed out that Measure “U”, passed by the voters in 1997, prohibits all billboards.

Ordinance No. 2766 – Child Safety Zones - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2766 adding Chapter 9.14 to the Redlands Municipal Code establishing City Parks as Child Safety Zones where registered sex offenders are prohibited from entering without written permission.

Ordinance No. 2767 – Remote Caller Bingo – As a public comment, Maxine Hitchings and Stephen Melms, officers of the Redlands Elks Lodge, spoke in support of allowing remote caller bingo to help raise money for philanthropic pursuits. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2767 adding Chapter 5.18 to the Redlands Municipal Code establishing regulations governing remote caller bingo.

Resolution No. 7004 – Fee Schedule – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7004 relating to specific fees and charges levied in connection with the City’s provision of regulations, products and services, specifically eliminating copy charges for public records. As a public comment, Steve Rogers said he wanted a refund of all the copying fees he has paid in the past and suggested a fee of 10¢ a page would be more appropriate.

Resolution No. 7097 – CPNA – Ross Whitman, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided an overview of the history of Measure “I” and the requirement for the Five-Year Capital Project Needs Analysis (CPNA) for FY 2011-2016. As a public comment, Steve Rogers questioned the process used to distribute Measure “I” funds. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7097 adopting the CPNA related to Measure “I” and in consideration of the Jurisdiction Master Agreement for the Measure “I” Program.

Resolution No. 7098 – Capital Improvement Program – Due to questions on the methodology used to derive street priorities contained the Measure “I” Five Year Capital Improvement Program for FY 2011-2012 through FY 2015-2016, discussion and voting on Resolution No. 7098, which adopts the Program, was continued to a later City Council Meeting. As a public comment, Steve Rogers questioned the wisdom of changing priorities among programs. Staff was directed to provide more information on the City of Redlands Pavement Management Program.

COUNCILMEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Pre-Holiday Activities – Mayor Aguilar highlighted Councilmembers’ participation in the Christmas Parade and the tree lighting ceremony.

Coffee – The next “Coffee with the Council” is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2011 at Stell Coffee & Tea Company.

SCAG Reports – Councilmember Harrison announced the Regional Transportation Plan Sustainable Communities Strategy is on the Southern California Associated Governments (SCAG) website and available for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address, this meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M. The Council will meet at their next regular meeting on December 20, 2011.