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 November 15, 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; Janice McConnell, Assistant to the City Manager; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Chris Diggs, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Chris Boatman, Quality of Life Director; James Troyer, Interim Development Services Director; Amy Martin, Human Resources/Risk Management 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:

   a. Consideration of an industrial disability retirement application of a public safety employee

2. Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) - Two Cases

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

During the closed session, the City Council voted unanimously to approve an industrial disability retirement application of a public safety employee.
PRESENTATIONS:

RUDY Pet Adoptions – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller introduced “Chucky”, an eight year old male Chihuahua, who is available for adoption along with eighteen other dogs and thirty-three cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller announced that twenty-five dogs and thirty-seven cats were adopted since the last City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

New Face - Mark Cloud introduced himself as the new Government Affairs Representative for Southern California Edison and said he looks forward to working with the City Council.

Quiet Zone – Tandy Hill and Stacy Boyle expressed their support and reiterated their request for the funding and completion of a quiet zone at the intersection of the railroad and Alessandro Road in San Timoteo Canyon.

Clerk Transition - Andy Hoder praised Sam Irwin for the work he has done as the Redlands City Clerk and said he expected recently elected Jeanne Donaldson to do the job equally well.

RPRP - Mimi Barre described the ruin of the City of North Hollywood in expressing her opposition to the Redlands Passenger Rail Project (RPRP) and the associated development of high density housing.

Civics - Greg Brittain reminded everyone present of his and her responsibility as a citizen and urged the audience to get informed and get involved in government.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Fee Waiver – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Kiwanis Club of Redlands for the waiver of all fees associated with the annual Christmas Parade event to be held on December 3, 2016.

Alley Dining – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a License Agreement between the City of Redlands and Maricela and Jesse Silva for the use of the Orange Street Alley Park for an outdoor dining venue.

Building Clean Up – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously authorized an additional appropriation, in the amount of $10,000.00, for cleanup services on the property at 212 Brookside Avenue to fulfill requirements of the purchase and sale agreement for the sale of the property.
Donation Acceptance – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a donation from the Redlands Horticulture & Improvement Society, in the amount of $1,000.00, for the purchase of trees, specifically not Crape Myrtle species, for the I-10 Entryway Beautification Project and approved an additional appropriation of $1,000.00 to fund the purchase.

Settlement Agreement - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the public disclosure of details of an Agreement of Settlement and General Release between the City of Redlands and Patricia Landrum. Under the terms of the agreement, the parties agree to settle and dispose of disputes and controversies between the parties associated with a civil action pending in the San Bernardino County Superior Court and entitled Landrum v. City of Redlands, et al., Case No. CIVDS 1501281.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Redlands Rail Update - Justin Fornelli, Chief of Transit and Rail Programs for San Bernardino Associated Governments, provided an update on the Redlands Passenger Rail Project. He highlighted the new name for the system to be developed which will be called Arrow. As public comment, Greg Brittain inquired as to how much it cost to establish the new name for the train and restated his several points of contention to express his opposition to the project.

Election Districts Update - Mayor Foster presented highlights of the process to date to establish voting districts for future elections of Members of the City Council. He encouraged residents to attend one of the two remaining workshops scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Clement Middle School and Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Moore Middle School. Both of these workshops begin at 6:00 P.M.

Downtown Improvements - Mayor Foster introduced this item as a response to his request that staff look at steps to be taken to address public safety concerns in the downtown area. Police Chief Mark Garcia referred to an operations plan report containing options to address crime associated with the homeless and transient populations and alcohol related incidents. Consensus agreed to task staff to present for approval, at the next City Council meeting, plans to utilize contract security guards as a short term measure to begin to address these safety concerns. The City Attorney has been tasked to look into regulatory approaches to address the problem. Resource allocation decisions for longer term solutions will be addressed as data and other information become available.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolutions No. 7680 and 7681- Street Vacation and Minor Subdivision - Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Emily Elliott, of the Development Services Department, to provide alley View Drive and 244 feet of Valley Road and to reconfigure two (2) existing parcels totaling one (1) acre in size and create one lettered lot located south of Margarita Drive and north of Palo Verde Drive in the R-E
(Residential Estate) District. As public comment, Con and Carole Oamek and Chuck Wilburn, neighbors to the property in consideration, expressed concerns about the need to complete a cul-de-sac and storm drain in the area. Representing the applicant, Pat Meyer suggested funding options to address the neighbors' concerns.

On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council adopted the Final Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for Street Vacation No. 157 and Minor Subdivision No. 334 (Tentative Parcel Map No. 19412) based on the facts and findings; directed staff to file and post a "Notice of Determination" in accordance with City guidelines; approved Resolution No. 7680 ordering the vacation of an unimproved portion of Valley View Drive and Valley Road located south of Margarita Drive and north of Palo Verde and approved Resolution No. 7681 approving Tentative Parcel Map No. 19412 (Minor Subdivision No. 344), subject to conditions of approval. Staff was directed to continue to explore ways to address the storm drain and cul-de-sac requirements associated with the project. Councilmember James recused himself from discussion and voting on this item due to the close proximity of his residence to the property in question.

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff Augmentation - Interim Development Services Director James Troyer explained the need to extend an agreement for professional planning staff. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a first amendment to the agreement between the City of Redlands and Wildan Engineering, in an amount not-to-exceed $80,000.00 for FY 2016-2017, to provide professional planning staff for case processing of current planning projects.

Accumulated Benefits – Human Resources/Risk Management Director Amy Martin explained the need for clarification of the Fire Management Employees labor agreement. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a side letter to the current Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees to define Accumulated Benefits.

Well Rehabilitation – Goutam Dobey, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented an overview of the Airport Well Rehabilitation Project. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously determined that approval of the contract and construction of the Airport Well No. 1 Rehabilitation Project, Project No.71272, is categorically exempt from further environmental review in accordance with Section 15301(b) of the state guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the Project plans and specifications; and awarded a construction contract to Legend Pump & Well Service, Inc., in the amount of $72,801.00 for the work.

CHC Non-Potable Water – Joseph Long, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented an overview of the plan to provide non-potable water to Crafton Hills College (CHC). On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a Memorandum of
Understanding between the City of Redlands and the San Bernardino Community College District regarding funding, design, installation, and operation of the non-potable irrigation water system at CHC; determined that approval of the contract and construction of the Campus Drive Non-Potable Pipeline Project, Project No.71270, is categorically exempt from further environmental review in accordance with Section 15282 of the state guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the Project plans and specifications; and awarded a construction contract to MCC Pipeline, Inc., in the amount of $189,913.00 for the work.


COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Mayor Foster and all the City Councilmembers attended the fourth annual Redlands Veterans Day Parade, Ceremony and Picnic. It just keeps getting better every year.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison attended a meeting of San Bernardino Associated Governments where discussion centered on express lanes on Interstates 10 and 15 and prioritization of work on area freeway interchanges. He attended ceremonies for the transfer of Ontario International Airport from LAX back to the City of Ontario, the new release of Hangar 24 Brewery's Chocolate Porter beer, and recognition of veterans at the Baptist Church. He also attended the Redlands Chamber of Commerce Rise and Shine breakfast and a meeting on the environment held by the Southern California Association of Governments.

Councilmember James attended Redlands Police Department Town Hall meeting.

Councilmember Gilbreath attended two meetings of the Omnitrans Board and took a tour of the San Bernardino County Housing Authority project at the corner of Orange Street and Lugonia Avenue.

Mayor Foster and Councilmembers Gilbreath and Barich attended the City staff Employee Recognition Day.

Mayor Foster attended the first workshop for public comment and feedback on planned voting districts for future elections of Members of the City Council. He restated his encouragement to residents to attend one of the two remaining workshops.
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 7:59 P.M. in memory of Jack Brown and Greg Horton, two great leaders in the Redlands community. They will be sorely missed. The next regular meeting of the Redlands City Council is scheduled on December 6, 2016.