

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 May 15, 2012 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; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; Phil Mielke, Innovation and Technology Department; Fred Mousavipour, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Kim Braun, Human Resources Department

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 legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(c)
 - a. One Case: Possible initiation of litigation by the City

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 action was taken by the City Council during closed session.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Volunteers Cyndy Dunham and Juan Nunez introduced Davey, a one-year old male shepherd mix, and promptly informed the audience that the dog had been adopted, however, twenty-nine other dogs and sixty-three cats, are available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Dunham informed the Council twenty-nine dogs and eighteen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Volunteer Recognition – Mayor Aguilar and Josiah Bruny presented certificates of recognition to Connor Evans, Danielle Drogos, Katarzyna Gawecki, Gregory Bozoian, Elliot Ammon, and Nicolas Pingree, University of Redlands student volunteers who contributed significantly to the Redlands community through their participation in association with Music Changing Lives.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Glass Museum – Bill Brakemeyer introduced himself as the new President of the Redlands Historical Glass Museum. He provided a summary of attractions at the Museum and invited the public to come and see.

Sustainability – Kathy Havert, representing the Redlands Sustainability Network, expressed her organization's proactive support for the Climate Action Task Force Plan through public outreach. She announced an information booth on water conservation will be set up in front of Trader Joe's from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., on Saturday, May 26, 2012.

Political Activism – A number of residents expressed their dissatisfaction with Resolution No. 7158, a resolution passed by the City Council urging Congress to propose a constitutional amendment ending corporate personhood. At the same time, these residents requested City Council assistance in passing a resolution in support of property owners' rights. A public forum was announced as being held at the American Legion Post on Colton Avenue, at 7:00 P.M., on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Candidate for Office – Renea Wickman, candidate for U. S. Congress District 31, described what she thinks is wrong with government today.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2012.

Proclamation – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation to Ken and Robin Stein recognizing their service to the Redlands community through their many years of significant contribution at the YMCA of the East Valley.

Fee Waiver - On motion of Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved a request from Redlands Optimist Club for a waiver of fees associated with their Annual Car Show and Chili Cook Off which will be held on May 18 and 19, 2012.

Fee Waiver - On motion of Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Redlands Professional Firefighters Association for a waiver of fees associated with the 14th Annual Car Show which will be held on May 27, 2012.

Ordinance No. 2780 – Social Host Liability – This item was pulled from the agenda for further consideration. It will be returned to the City Council for a second first reading at a later date.

Bid Rejection - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the rejection of all bids received for the 2012 Capital Improvement Program Water Pipeline Replacement Project.

Resolution No. 7157 – Historic Designation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7157 designating the property located at 1740 Canyon Road as an historic property and rescinding Resolution No. 7084.

Project Update - On motion of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file an update report on the Two Phase Plan to create renewable energy from feedstock derived from the wastewater treatment plant and the California Street Landfill as presented by Gussing Renewable Energy of North America (GRENA). Negotiations are ongoing to develop a holistic approach that would include other resources available to the City of Redlands such as green waste, food waste and fats/oils/greases. Staff is recommending the use of consultants, at the expense of GRENA, to properly evaluate the Plan.

Resolution No. 7132 - Employee Salaries - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7132 authorizing amendment No. 4 to the City of Redlands Salary Resolution.

Educational Partnership - On motion of Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and the University of Redlands for discounted degree programs for City employees. Mayor Aguilar recused himself from voting and discussion on this item due to his source of income relationship with the University of Redlands.

Financial Advice - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates for financial advisory services.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Green Communities – Danielle Garcia, of the Quality of Life Department, provided an overview of the City of Redlands participation in the Southern California Edison, California Green Communities Program. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file an update report on the Program. Staff was tasked to provide copies of the section of the California Government Code cited as guidance for updating the General Plan.

Resolution No. 7160 - League of Cities Beacon Program - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7160 relating to City of Redlands participation in the Institute for Local Government's Award, Local Leadership Toward Solving Climate Change Recognition Program. Councilmember Bean voted No on resolution.

Purchasing Update – Purchasing Services Manager Dana Abramovitz provided a brief progress report on the Purchasing Division activities, including an introduction of the newly established purchasing guidelines and procedures for small purchases and contracts over \$5,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 7161 - Economic Development Plan – Economic Development Manager Michael Lengyel presented a summary of the highlights of the 2012 Redlands Economic Development Action Plan. As a public comment, Steve Rogers criticized the list of City of Redlands assets included in the Plan. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7161 adopting the Plan. Councilmember Harrison recused himself from discussion and voting on this item due to his employer's involvement with the Plan.

Ordinance No. 2783 – Police Reserve Compensation – Police Chief Mark Garcia explained the rationale for a new ordinance defining compensation of the police reserve force. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2783 amending Chapter 2.14.020 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to compensation for police reserve force members. The new ordinance would clearly identify stipend payments which have been provided to police reserve officers since at least 1987.

Project Management Agreement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved application and agreement between the City of Redlands and Cletus Hyman for pass-through payments for project management services for the San Bernardino County Chiefs and Sheriffs Association COPLINK data sharing project. An associated additional appropriation of \$50,000 was authorized for the Police Department for the project.

Fleet Management – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas presented details on a proposed agreement to provide coordination and management of automotive fleet maintenance and repairs, reporting of said maintenance and repairs, billing, payment and record keeping for the City of Redlands fleet. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Automotive Rentals, Inc. for a fleet maintenance management program.

Supplies Agreement – Purchasing Services Manager Dana Abramovitz provided an overview of a proposed supplies management contract. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Fastenal for facilities, maintenance, lighting products, industrial supplies and tools purchases.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS

Agreement Termination - Economic Development Manager Michael Lengyel summarized events leading to a staff recommendation to terminate a Participation Agreement, for the Commercial Rehabilitation Program, Restaurant Incentives Loan, between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Redlands and Shabahang-Hatami Family Trust. At the request of Councilmember Harrison, Dr. Shabahang presented mitigating circumstances surrounding incidents of non-compliance with the Agreement and asked for further opportunity to perform in accordance with the Program. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council approved a six-month period for Dr. Shabahang to continue his development and demonstrate full compliance with the agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Coffee with the Council – Mayor Aguilar and Mayor Pro Tem Foster will attend the next session at Kiddough’s Bakery on Saturday, May 19, 2012.

Confire – Councilmember Bean reported attending a recent meeting of the Confire Board. He highlighted plans for a back-up communications center to be built in the Victorville area. The City Manager asked the City Council to explore ways to provide more transparency into the Confire budget process.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address, this meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M. The Council will meet at their next regular meeting on June 5, 2012.