

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 3, 2013, at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Pete Aguilar, Mayor
Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Bob Gardner, Councilmember
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Robert Dawes, City Treasurer; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; Danielle Garcia, Interim Chief Information Officer; Fred Mousavipour, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Amy Martin, 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. He then announced the agenda item had been withdrawn and, therefore, the closed session for this regular meeting was canceled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller, introduced “Kobe”, a seven year old female pointer/pit bull mix, who is available for adoption, with fifty-six other dogs and ninety-one cats, at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller informed the Council twenty-one dogs and fourteen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Essay Winners – Terri Wimer, of The 4400 Project, assisted by Mayor Aguilar, presented awards to the winners of the Annual Constitution Essay Contest: First Place – Daniel McFarland, Second Place – Melanie Maeda, Third Place – Loryssa Lake, Best Teacher by Scoring – Paul Beaumont, and Best School by Scoring – Citrus Valley High School.

Anniversary Committee Recognition – Mayor Aguilar and Mayor Pro Tem Foster presented mementos and kind words to all the members of the 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee in recognition of their efforts to make the year long event a great success. As turnabout is fair play, the Committee presented gifts to the Mayor Pro Tem for his leadership throughout the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cemetery Security – Cheryl Martin and Joelle Thornton cited incidents of thefts from gravesites at Hillside Cemetery and asked for measures such as cameras or police patrols to secure property and sanctity in the area of the cemetery grounds.

Vehicle Operations Inspections – Andrew Hoder read from a Redlands Daily Facts article about a second inspection failure by the City of Redlands vehicle operations and asked what steps were being taken to correct the situation.

Access – Steve Rogers expressed his frustration in trying to gain access to information from the City of Redlands staff and said the situation is causing a negative impact on the attempts to produce a business friendly atmosphere.

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 November 19, 2013 were unanimously approved as submitted.

ABC Task Force - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and the City of Ontario to participate in an Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) multi-Agency Task Force.

Fitness Grant Application - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an application to the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for the 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to fund a firefighter wellness and fitness program.

Equipment Grant Application - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an application to the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for the 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to fund personal protective equipment for active shooter response.

Video Surveillance - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Leverage Information Services for video surveillance equipment and installation at the City's hazardous waste collection facility.

Fee Waiver – As a public comment, Andrew Hoder suggested a full waiver of fees was too much. Steve Rogers expressed safety concerns about the adequacy of the site planned for the event for which the waiver is requested. Mike Layne complemented the Councilmembers for their work in governing the city and expressed support for the waiver. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a request from Hangar 24 Charities for a waiver of fees associated with the Pugachev Cobra Release Event which will be held on December 7, 2013.

Barton School Steps – As a public comment, Andrew Hoder asked for more supporting information in the meeting agenda package to allow residents to evaluate decisions being made by the City Council. Steve Rogers questioned whether proper contracting procedures were employed in the selection of this contractor and sated his objection to using Palmetto Grove sale proceeds to pay for this project. Ellen Weisser expressed her support for the project. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and RPC Construction for the Heritage Park entry steps and landing project and authorized an additional appropriation of \$6,689.00 in the Park Development Fund.

Ordinance No. 2800 – Bill Payment Procedures - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2800 amending Chapters 13.12.020 and 13.12.080 of the Redlands Municipal Code to modify due dates and prepayment procedures for utility customers.

Solar Challenge - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a \$2,500.00 level of participation in the 2014 Inland Solar Challenge to promote water conservation.

MOU Appendix – As a public comment, Steve Rogers questioned why this item was on the consent calendar and expressed his opinion that there are too many classifications listed in the Appendix for consideration. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Appendix A to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Redlands and the General Employees Association of Redlands effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The Appendix lists job groupings which identify the hierarchy of job classifications and serves as the basis for determining what position, if any, is available in the event that an employee’s position is eliminated and the employee elects to exercise his/her right to displace (“bump”) another employee.

Telephone Agreement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a letter of authorization between the City of Redlands and AT&T to implement long distance and network based telephone service utilizing an existing CalNet II agreement.

Ordinance No. 2798 – Zone Change No. 440 - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2798 amending Title 18 of the Redlands Municipal Code by adopting a revised Land Use Zoning Map (Zone Change No. 440) which concerns an annexation of a 0.75 acre parcel (APN 0299-331-01)

from the unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino on the east side of Wabash Avenue, approximately 400 feet south of Seventh Street.

Settlement Agreement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the disclosure of details of a settlement and release agreement between the City of Redlands and Shelley Rodriguez. Under the agreement, the City of Redlands pays Ms. Rodriguez \$5,000.00 for dismissal with prejudice of a civil action filed in the San Bernardino County Superior Court.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Panorama Point Surveillance – Mayor Pro Tem Foster presented details of a request from the Redlands Conservancy to install a video camera at Panorama Point. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to table discussion and voting on this item. Staff was tasked to present options and costs to make the Panorama Point a more attractive recreational area for the community, taken in the context of all park improvement needs, at the City Council meeting scheduled for December 17, 2013.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolutions No. 7340, 7329 and 7334 – Socioeconomic Cost/Benefit Study, Planned Development No. 1, and Parcel Map No. 19496 – Mayor Aguilar opened the hearing and called upon Lorelee Farris, of the Development Services Department, to provide background on a request from Hillwood Investment Properties to revert five contiguous lots into one parcel with an area of 35.59 acres and construct a 771,839 square foot warehouse distribution center located on the north side of Lugonia Avenue, the south side of Almond Avenue, and the east side of California Street in the EV/SD (Special Development) District of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan. Representing the Applicant, John Magness expressed thanks to the Council and staff for the good working relationship through out the development process and summarized current conditions in the Inland Empire real estate market. On motions of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously determined, based on the whole of the administrative record to date, that the information contained in the whole record justifies the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Hillwood Project; approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the accompanying mitigation monitoring and reporting program for the project and the City's adoption of Resolution Nos. 7340, 7334 and 7329; and directed staff to post a Notice of Determination in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. On the same motions, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7340 approving the Socio-Economic Cost/Benefit Study for the development, Resolution No. 7329 approving Parcel Map No. 19496 to revert five commercially zoned parcels of property to acreage, and Resolution No. 7334 approving Planned Development No. 1 for the East

Valley Corridor Specific Plan to facilitate the development of a proposed warehouse and distribution center project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Access Agreement – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas introduced a proposed agreement between the City of Redlands and Helfrich Associates for entry into the area surrounding the Ford Park fishing ponds. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved the agreement which provides access to perform preliminary planning and engineering services in connection with a Redlands Sunrise Rotary interest in rehabilitating the ponds.

Resolution No. 7348 – Green Action Award – Deborah Allen, of the Quality of Life Department, introduced the Mayor’s Green Action Award Program to showcase the sustainability efforts of local businesses and encourage green action practices throughout the community. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7348 establishing the Program.

Ordinance No. 2802 – Redlands Municipal Airport – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas introduced Ron Klinkebiel, of the Airport Advisory Board, who described the process used to identify problem areas and derive new regulations for operations at the airport. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2802 amending Chapters 12.56 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the Redlands Municipal Airport.

Fire Uniforms and Equipment – Fire Chief Jeff Frazier provided details on a request to increase an existing purchase order for Fire Department apparel and equipment. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a modification to the purchase order with All-Star Fire Equipment to a new annual amount of \$44,000.00 for FY 2013-2014.

Safe Routes to School – Monty Morshed, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided background on the Safe Routes to School Project. On motions of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed that the Project is categorically exempt from further environment review in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, approved the Safe Routes to School, Project No. 41040 plans and specifications, awarded a construction contract between the City of Redlands and PTM General Engineering Services in the amount of \$775,818.00 for the work, approved submittal of a form, titled “2008-09 State Funds Lapsing on June 30, 2014”, requesting California Department of Transportation and Department of Finance to extend the state budget authority for completion of the Project, and authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute or submit documents necessary for the extension.

Residential Development Allocations – Sean Kelleher, of the Development Services Department, summarized requests for consideration of two Residential Development Allocations; one from Melia Homes for Tentative Tract No. 16742, a fifteen lot residential subdivision on 9.86 acres located on the south side of Center Street, between Burke Street and Ridge Street, in the R-E (Residential Estate) District; and the second from Redlands 10 Residential Lots LLC for Tentative Tract No.17533, a ten lot subdivision on 4.6 acres located on the south side of San Bernardino Avenue, between Cheryl Street and North Grove Street, in the R-E (Residential Estate) District. On motions of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Residential Development Allocation 2013-IV-01 allocating fifteen units to Tentative Tract No. 16742, and Residential Development Allocation 2013-IV-02 allocating ten units to Tentative Tract No. 17533.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Museum Activities – Councilmember Gilbreath announced upcoming activities at the San Bernardino County Museum including a Pajama Party on December 11th and a Holiday Craft Show on December 14th.

Healthy Redlands - On February 4th, 2014, the City of Redlands will be hosting a Healthy Cities Conference for the County. The conference will be held in the Council Chambers from 8:00 A.M. until Noon.

125th Anniversary Celebration – Mayor Pro Tem Foster highlighted the success of the birthday party showing of a documentary of all the year’s activities, at the Esri/University of Redlands Forum on November 26th and 27th, and announced an encore showing on December 9, 2013 for those who did not have an opportunity to view the documentary. DVDs of the presentation are also available for purchase at the City Clerk’s office.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, Mayor Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 7:59 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on December 17, 2013.