

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 February 18, 2014, 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; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Robert Dawes, City Treasurer; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; Danielle Garcia, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Richard Kreisler
Employee Organizations: Redlands Association of Department Directors
Redlands Police Officers Association
Redlands Association of Safety Management Employees
Unrepresented Employees: City Manager, City Attorney
2. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation – Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)(e)(3) One Case
 - a. Facts and circumstances relating to a threat of litigation regarding City of Redlands' parks child safety zones

The meeting reconvened at 6:11 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Foster 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 Officer Bill Miller, introduced “Mama”, a one-year old female Labrador retriever mix, who is available for adoption, along with thirty-four other dogs and twenty-nine cats, at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller informed the Council forty-two dogs and thirteen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Fund Drive Recognition – Jeanne Terwilliger and Robert Visconti, of the Fire and Burn Foundation, presented the Redlands Fire Department with a trophy as winners of the *Give Burns the Boot* fundraiser. Firefighters raised over \$27,000 for burn patient emergency services in the Inland Empire.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Youth Safety Program – Students from Citrus Valley High School accompanied Samuel Beltran as he told of the efforts and activities of “Friday Night Live” a youth development program involving peer counseling on the dangers of underage drinking, substance abuse and traffic safety.

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 February 4, 2014 as submitted.

Proclamation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring the week of March 17-23, 2014 as *Women’s Military History Week*.

Proclamation – Kathy Behrens, of the Redlands Conservancy, highlighted events planned to introduce the community to the Emerald Necklace. On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring February 22, 2014 as *Redlands Emerald Necklace Day*.

Proclamation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a proclamation commending Cheryl Heesen for her conscientious service dedicated to the aid of those in need in our community.

Settlement Agreement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the public disclosure of details of a settlement and mutual release agreement between the City of Redlands and Mamco, Inc. Under the terms of the settlement, the City of Redlands will pay Mamco, Inc. \$140,000, Mamco shall dismiss their Complaint, and the City of Redlands shall dismiss their Cross-Complaint associated with a contract between the two parties for work of improvement known as the 2010-2011 Pedestrian Ramp and Sidewalk Infill Project.

Fiber Optics - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to an agreement between the City of Redlands and Sunesys LLC for provision of fiber optic licensing.

RUSD Video Surveillance - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a second amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Unified School District (RUSD) for video surveillance system support and maintenance of equipment at Mission Elementary School.

Fire Equipment Report - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file a Fire Equipment Replacement Report.

Water Supply Assessment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file a water supply assessment prepared by Integrated Resource Management, Inc. for TREH Partners, LLC and their Gateway Industrial Project.

Resolution No. 7364 – Traffic Regulation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7364 establishing a no parking/loading and unloading zone on the northwesterly side of Cypress Avenue at Smiley Elementary School.

Loan Amendment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the City of Redlands' State Water Resources Control Board loan documents. The amendment changes the name of fees charged on an existing loan, from interest rate to an equivalent service and grant charge, to allow the State Water Resources Control Board to increase funding in the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund.

COMMUNICATIONS:

CAFR and Accountant's Report – Finance Director Tina Kundig introduce Rich Kikuchi, Partner with LSL Certified Public Accountants, who provided an executive summary of the Independent Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Appropriation Limit Worksheets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, which accompanied the City of Redlands Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to accept and file the reports.

FAST Program - Public Information Officer Carl Baker reviewed a sequence of events occurring subsequent to the City Council meeting of December 17, 2013 in which the staff was directed to conduct a public education outreach program to gauge community support for a program to address and fund several long-neglected critical infrastructure needs, including flood control in the downtown

area, sidewalks and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) infrastructure, parks and the City's urban forest. The program is identified with the acronym FAST (Flood control, ADA ramps, Sidewalks, Trees and parks). The funding plan proposes a 30-year \$47.8 million General Obligation Bond and a parcel tax of \$2.8 million. Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas presented a portion of the briefing, dealing with the principles of asset management, which was given to citizen groups and service clubs throughout the Redlands community. As public comment, eleven people spoke on this item. Two individuals expressed full support for all aspects of the program. Two expressed full opposition. Some supported half the program, but that group was divided as to which half of the program they would support. The majority of the speakers supported waiting until some future time to address the infrastructure and deferred maintenance problems cited in the FAST Program proposal. Council discussion centered on the adequacy of time and effort to educate the public about the need for this program and the probability of achieving the required two-thirds majority vote in favor of any ballot measures proposing the bond and parcel tax to fund the FAST Program. On motions of Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council agreed to form a City Council Subcommittee to assist staff in further development of the proposal, authorized retaining consultants for the purpose of conducting polling and for coordination and consultation with the Subcommittee, and appointed Mayor Aguilar and Councilmember Gardner to the Subcommittee. Councilmember Harrison voted No on the motions. The Subcommittee and staff were tasked to include the public in development of any education effort on the subject and return at the May 6, 2014 regular meeting of the City Council with recommendations on the proposal.

School House Refurbishment – Mayor Pro Tem Foster introduced Ellen Weisser, of the Grove School Board, who presented the sequence of events leading to the Board's request for funding to assist with costs associated with the refurbishment of the Barton School House located in Heritage Park. The Grove School seeks \$250,000 from proceeds gained by the City of Redlands from the sale of the Palmetto Grove. Shan McNaughton provided pictures and plans illustrating the adaptive use plan for the School House. As public comment, representatives from the Redlands Conservancy, the Redlands Area Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce and private citizens all spoke in support of the project. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved setting aside \$250,000 from proceeds from the Palmetto Grove sale (Park Category) for the restoration of the Barton School House, directed staff to proceed immediately with the Heritage Park Master Plan with the appropriate environmental review, and directed staff to place on the City Council agenda within 30 days an item to establish a policy for the administration of Palmetto Grove matched funds distribution. Funding for the Heritage Park environmental review is also to be from the Palmetto Grove funds.

PARIS Update – Ross Wittman, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented a brief review of public outreach efforts implemented to inform citizens about the impacts of the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) Resurfacing Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 7362 – Grant Application – Councilmember Harrison provided details on the Strategic Growth Council grant program and proposed an application for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant for the purpose of funding the implementation of the Redlands Rail Land Use Plans, with emphasis on measuring sustainability, including economic impact. On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7362 authorizing the application for a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant. The amount of the grant application is not to exceed \$500,000.

FY2012-2013 Year-end Encumbrances and Carryovers – Finance Director Tina Kundig summarized the list of year-end encumbrances and carryovers. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the additional appropriations to fund the FY2012-2013 year-end encumbrances and carryovers.

Water Distribution Repairs – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved one agreement between the City of Redlands and MCC Equipment Rentals, Inc. and another agreement between the City of Redlands and TRYCO General Engineering. Staff will utilize the agreements to complete necessary work on an as needed basis, competing one contractor against the other for the lowest bid for the water distribution system repair.

Chemicals Purchase – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council approved an annual purchase order modification to increase from \$100,000 to \$250,000 the amount of the annual purchase order for water treatment chemicals due to the implementation of improvements at the Hinckley Treatment Plant and an increased use of State Water Project water as a consequence of current drought conditions.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2803 – Fire Code - Mayor Aguilar opened the public hearing and called upon Fire Marshal Phil Gairson to provide details factors driving fire code changes. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2803 amending Chapter 15.20 of the Redlands Municipal Code and adopting the 2013 edition of the California Fire Code, with necessary California amendments.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Coffee – Mayor Aguilar thanked Councilmember Gilbreath for sitting in for him, at the last moment, to meet with residents at Cuca’s for Coffee with the Council on Saturday, February 15th.

Healthy Redlands – Councilmember Gilbreath announced she continues her work on the Healthy Redlands program and welcomed Human Resources Director Amy Martin as a participant.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, Mayor Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 9:57 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on March 4, 2014.