MINUTES: of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, California, on March 19, 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; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Shawn Ryan, Police Commander; Danielle Garcia, Interim Chief Information Officer; Fred Mousaviipour, 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 the subject scheduled on the agenda for the session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Friendly Communities – Steve Rogers presented his thoughts and observations on the City of Redlands planning process. He submitted documents, describing the Friendly Communities program, for consideration as an alternative method to accomplish the planning workshop on this meeting’s agenda.

PLANNING WORKSHOP:

Goal Setting Workshop – This workshop was the third of a series of meetings facilitated by Marilyn Manning and Elaine Schmitz, of The Consulting Team, LLC. in support of the development of the City’s Strategic Plan document for the next three years. As an introduction, Mayor Aguilar prefaced, and each department director narrated, a slide presentation of the recent accomplishments for which this city government can take credit. Led by the facilitators, the Councilmembers revisited previous workshops and confirmed four priority focus themes for the City of Redlands as financial stability and accountability, economic development, infrastructure, land resource management, and added a fifth theme listed as “safety and community services”. Most of the discussion in this workshop involved the Councilmembers rearranging, rephrasing, refining, clarifying and finalizing the priority themes and the concepts listed in support of each theme. As the next step in this strategic planning process, staff was tasked to develop measurable specific goals, by the first part of May, to support the priority focus themes, to identify programs that support the goals, and to define the resources required for each program and related action items.
PUBLIC COMMENT:

Other Considerations – Reyes Quezada reinforced the importance of some of the concepts articulated during the workshop. He offered certain semantic considerations in the development of the strategic planning document and suggested the role of City Council boards and commissions needs to be included.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 6:13 P.M. The Council will meet next at their regular meeting scheduled at 5:00 P.M., April 1, 2014.