

MINUTES: of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held on November 4, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. at Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 2, Redlands, California

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 Innovation Officer; Chris Diggs, Interim 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: Oliver Yee
Employee Organizations: Redlands Police Officers Association
Redlands Association of Safety Management
2. Public Employee Dismissal/Release – Government Code §54957
 - a. Consideration of industrial disability retirement applications of a public safety employee

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 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 that the City Council disapproved, by a vote of 4 to 0, an industrial disability retirement application of a public safety employee. Councilmember Harrison was absent from the portion of the closed session in which this item was discussed and voted.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller introduced “Oreo”, a ten month old male Labrador Retriever/Pit Bull mix, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Twenty-three dogs and twenty-four cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hazardous Neighbors – Pamela Smyth submitted a text of her remarks and read her concerns with regards to hazardous waste being stored on the property adjacent to her backyard. She requested assistance in her dealing with this problem involving the neighboring property which is located within the boundary of the City of Yucaipa.

Code Enforcement – Mario Saucedo, representing the North Redlands Visioning Committee, asked for emphasis on code enforcement in the area of the intersection of Brockton Avenue and Post Street stating concerns for public safety due to several unoccupied residences in the area. He also requested information as to why approximately thirty palm trees were cut down along Nevada Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special meeting of October 16, 2014 and the regular meeting of October 21, 2014 as submitted.

Commission Appointments – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the reappointment of James Stewart and Dennis Christensen to each serve an additional term on the Cultural Arts Commission ending January 6, 2018. The motion also approved the reappointment of David Lawrence to serve a four-year term on the Human Relations Commission ending January 6, 2017.

Agreement Review Notice - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file a notice to conduct an annual review of approved Development Agreements between the City of Redlands and Mountainview Power Company, Robertson Ready Mix, Ltd., Cemex Construction Materials, LP, Cal-Red Facility, LLC, and Redlands Community Hospital, in accordance with Chapter 18.220 of the Redlands Municipal Code.

Ordinance No. 2808 – Zone Change – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2808 changing the zoning designation of the 2,800 square foot segment of the alley from C-3 (General Commercial) District to O (Open Land) District to repurpose the subject area to a public park located east of

Orange Street, west of Fifth Street, north of Citrus Avenue, and south of State Street.

Fee Waiver – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Chamber of Commerce of Redlands for a waiver of all fees associated with the use of the Redlands Mall Parking Lot for the Night Light Run event to be held on December 27, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolutions No. 7458 – Historic Resource Application No. 120 – Mayor Aguilar opened the hearing and called upon Sean Kelleher, of the Development Services Department, to provide background on a request to designate 721 Chestnut Avenue as a historic property. On motions of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a Notice of Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and Resolution No. 7458 designating 721 Chestnut Avenue as Historic and Scenic Resource No. 120.

Resolution No. 7462 – Land Use – Mayor Aguilar opened the hearing and called upon Development Services Director Oscar Orci, to provide background on a request to amend the City of Redlands General Plan. The applicant requested additional time to complete reports required for the plan amendment. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to continue this public hearing to the December 16, 2014 regular City Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Labor Agreement – Human Resources Director Amy Martin summarized the cost savings afforded to the City as a result of the terms of a tentative agreement with the Redlands Police Officer Association (RPOA). On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Redlands and the RPOA for the period from July 2014 to June 2017.

Insurance Binder – Human Resources Director Amy Martin presented details on a renewal request for several types of the City's insurance coverage. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Lexington Insurance Company to bind coverage for the City's Commercial Property & Difference in Conditions Coverage and Commercial Vehicle Physical Damage Insurance.

Vehicles Purchase – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas provided background on the need to purchase vehicles for the Solid Waste Division. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council

unanimously approved the purchase of two Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) side loader trucks, in the amount of \$616,082.97, and one LNG front-end loading truck with a Neway Body, in the amount of \$297,912.67, from Rush Truck Centers of California.

Mapping Services – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas presented details on a need to extend mapping and surveying at the California Street Landfill (CSL). On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the first amendment to an agreement between the City of Redlands and Aero Tech Surveys for aerial mapping and land surveying services at the CSL.

Park Maintenance – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas presented a plan to allocate reserve funds to various park deferred maintenance and improvement projects. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council approved the release of \$150,000.00 General Fund Reserve for Deferred Maintenance for Parks, Playgrounds, Equipment & Facilities and authorized an additional appropriation for that amount to purchase park equipment and facilities improvements. Councilmember Gilbreath voted No on the motion stating a concern about utilizing reserve funds so soon after the account was set up.

Vehicle Purchase – Bassam Alzammar, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department (MUED), provided background on the need to replace a vehicle for the MUED fleet. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the purchase of a 2015 Ford medium duty truck with aerial boom lift from Redlands Ford, in the amount of \$107,635.95 and waived minor irregularities.

Vehicle Purchase – Bassam Alzammar, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided background on the need to purchase a new vehicle for the rideshare program. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the purchase of a new Compressed Natural Gas E350 passenger van from National Auto Fleet Group, in the amount of \$50,677.75, per the terms included in the National Joint Powers Alliance bid number 102811-NAF and authorized an additional appropriation of the same amount from the Air Quality Improvement Fund.

Water Treatment Supplies – Bassam Alzammar, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented the rationale for not accepting a bid for water treatment equipment and a proposal to utilize a purchase order in lieu of a contract. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the rejection of a bid from Hach Company as non-responsive; and approved execution of a purchase order with HD Supply Facilities Maintenance dba USA Bluebook, in the amount of \$100,000.00, for various Water Department equipment and supplies; and a

purchase order with Equarius Water Works, in the amount of \$400,000.00, for water meters.

Agreement Review Notice - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council voted to receive and file a notice to conduct an annual review of an approved Development Agreement between the City of Redlands and Esri in accordance with Chapter 18.220 of the Redlands Municipal Code. Councilmember Harrison recused himself from discussion and voting on this issue due to his source of income relationship with Esri.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Civics Day – All members of the City Council expressed thanks to the Optimists Club and Staff for the Civics Day held on October 28, 2014. The comment was made that “the experience of spending the morning with bright young enthusiastic students gets more refreshing every year.”

Police Recognition – Councilmember Harrison attended the ceremony welcoming new members of the Redlands Police Department and recognizing performance and promotions of other Department members on October 23, 2014.

Employee Recognition – Also on October 23, 2014, Mayor Aguilar and Mayor Pro Tem Foster conducted the annual Employee Recognition Program recognizing the Employees of the Year: Jeanne Donaldson – Administrative, Timothy Neumann – Field, Cory Hunt – Safety, Cheryl Williams – Technical & Professional, and Kristie Mejia – Part Time; and Managers of the Year: Tommi Ng - Administrative, Richard Sessler – Safety, and Aaron Jenkins – Field.

Cemetery Tour – Councilmember Harrison attended a tour of the Redlands Hillside Cemetery, on October 25, 2014, sponsored by the Redlands Area Historical Society and the Friends of the Cemetery and conducted by Tom Atchley. He said the tour was very enlightening and may have identified future projects for the improvement of the cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, Mayor Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on November 18, 2014.