

MINUTES: of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held on December 16, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. at Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 2, Redlands, California

PRESENT: Paul Foster, Mayor
Jon Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember
Paul Barich, 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

Mayor Foster 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 legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – One Case
 - a. Verizon California, Inc. v. State Board of Equalization, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2014-00171512
2. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
 - Property: APNs 0168-031-21 & -22 and 0168-041-45 & -46
 - Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
 - Negotiating party: J. Brooks Bailey representing Pateadores Soccer Club
 - Under negotiation: Terms and price for lease of City property
3. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
 - Property: APNs 0171-121-17 and -31 (21 East Citrus Ave) and 0171-121-18 (31 East Citrus Ave)
 - Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
 - Negotiating party: 21 Citrus LLC and David B.W. Ahlers Trust
 - Under negotiation: Terms and price for the City acquisition of property

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Councilmember Gilbreath 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 “Colton”, a four year old male Terrier mix, who is available for adoption along with thirty-seven other dogs and fifty-six cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Twenty-eight dogs and twenty-six cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Holiday Presentation – The Crafton Crooners of Crafton Elementary School delighted all present with a selection of songs celebrating the holiday season.

Accolades - Councilmember Pete Aguilar – Councilmember Pete Aguilar submitted his resignation from the Redlands City Council to be effective on December 15, 2014 as he will be re-locating to Washington, D.C. to represent the 31st Congressional District in the 114th US Congress. Mark Kaenel, from the Inland Action Group, presented Councilmember Aguilar with a panorama photograph of the valley stretching from Rancho Cucamonga to Yucaipa and asked him to hang it in his Congressional office to remind him of the area he represents. Each Councilmember recalled experiences they shared with Pete and wished him great success in the future. In recognition of his accomplishments over the past six years, Mayor Foster presented a Janet Edwards painting, also for his office, and a plaque of appreciation from the City of Redlands. Councilmember Aguilar thanked the community, staff and his family for their support during his years as a Member of the City Council. He said that, no matter where his career may lead, he will always treasure the title of “Redlands City Council Colleague” as his best. As a public comment, Sam Wong complimented Councilmember Aguilar for a fine record of service, but expressed disappointment the former mayor is not serving out his term on the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2014 and the special meeting of December 11, 2014 as submitted.

Appointments List – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved a list, required by Government Code §54972, of City Council appointments to be filled in calendar year 2015.

Student Commissioner Appointments – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Swathi Balaji to serve as the student commissioner on the Human Relations Commission, the appointment of Daniel Tang to serve as the student commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the appointment of Edward Mandolang to serve as the student commissioner on the Traffic and Parking Commission.

Annual CFD Reports – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file annual reports for Community Facilities District (CFD) Numbers 2001-1 and 2003-1.

Grant Acceptance – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of an FY 2014 State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$17,449.00 and authorized an additional appropriation of the same amount.

Surplus Property – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file a surplus property report required by Government Code §50569.

Alarm Systems – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to direct staff to prepare and solicit a Request for Bids for operations and maintenance services of the citywide security and fire alarm systems.

Bid Rejection – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the rejection of all bids received for the Orange Street Alley Pedestrian Enhancement Project, Project No. 41208.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Vacancy – Mayor Foster introduced the recommendations of the ad hoc committee appointed to outline the process, timeline and materials for filling the vacancy on the City Council resulting from Councilmember Pete Aguilar's resignation from office, effective December 15, 2014.

Coffee with Council – Mayor Foster revisited the City Council policy of holding regular coffee and conversation sessions, open to the public, on the third Saturday of every month, held at various Redlands coffee houses on a rotation schedule. Every councilmember expressed support for continuing the policy without change.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Open Space Maintenance – Tabitha Kevari, of the Quality of Life Department, reviewed a proposal to consolidate agreements between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Conservancy. Discussion and voting on this item was continued from the December 2, 2014 regular City Council meeting. The Council was informed that all issues raised at the earlier meeting were accommodated with changes to the agreement except insurance requirements were unchanged to remain consistent with the requirements of other like agreements. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement, with language changes to reflect the requirement for the Conservancy to prove financial ability to support the agreement, between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Conservancy for Maintenance Management of Public Trails and Nature Open Space. Mayor Foster directed staff to look into a tiered system of liability insurance requirements to more accurately reflect the level of risk exposure related to agreements between the City and other parties.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolutions No. 7462 – General Plan Amendment No. 131 – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Lorelee Farris, of the Development Services Department, to provide background on a request from 800 Opal LLC to change the land use designation for property located in Mentone. Representing the applicant, Ambarish Mukherjee presented the traffic analysis for a proposed development project for the property. As a public comment, Steve Rogers suggested the impacts of the proposed development need to be viewed in the context of an updated General Plan. Bill Cunningham reminded the City Council of Measure U requirements for this area. Subsequent discussion centered on traffic mitigation requirements for the intersection of Opal Avenue and Colton Avenue as a result of the proposed development. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously agreed to continue the public hearing until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 6, 2015 to allow time to address issues raised in this evening's hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

AirFest Preparation – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, relayed a sequence of events leading to a December 10, 2014 Airport Advisory Board vote to deny a request from Hangar 24 Charities to close to traffic the Redlands Municipal Airport for AirFest 2015. Representing the applicant, Ben Cook described the steps taken to ameliorate relations with parties opposing the AirFest. Several members of the Redlands Municipal Airport community expressed various concerns with the AirFest planning process and the airport closure request. Discussion centered on the level of refinement of the AirFest operations plan, the length of time for the requested closure, and approval requirements. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro

Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to continue discussion and voting on this item until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 6, 2015 to allow time to address issues raised in this evening's meeting.

Well Repair – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, provided background on the condition of the Mentone Acres I Well which is the only source of irrigation water for the University Grove and is currently not producing enough water. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved an emergency repair of the Mentone Acres I Well.

Office Improvements – Development Services Director Oscar Orci presented a plan to renovate office space to accommodate the move of department personnel from a previous location at 210 East Citrus Avenue to their current location at 35 Cajon Street. As a public comment, Steve Rogers suggested the need for a Facilities Master Plan. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Mayor Foster, the City Council voted to direct staff to initiate Development Services Department improvement efforts and approved an appropriation of \$60,000.00 from the Unreserved General Fund balance for the renovation. Councilmember Gilbreath voted No on the motion expressing her disapproval of the use of Unreserved General Fund resources for this project.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Airfest 2015 – Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath have been attending Airfest planning meetings between the Airport Advisory Board, Hangar 24, the Redlands Airport Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

House Tour – Councilmember Gilbreath congratulated the YMCA for another successful Holiday House Tour on Sunday, December 7, 2014

Police Recognition – Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath attended a Police Department recognition program on December 10, 2014 to highlight individual accomplishments and heroic acts performed by residents, officers and other employees throughout the past year.

Seniors Study – Councilmember Gilbreath announced that a study performed by the University of Michigan, involving Casa de la Vista and Fern Lodge, reconfirmed the value of senior citizen facilities in providing a better quality of life to residents.

Water Supply – Mayor Pro Tem Harrison attended a meeting of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Board on December 11, 2014, where projections were discussed which forecast adequate water supply for the District for the coming year. Plans for a City of San Bernardino water recycling project were also unveiled.

Thanks to Staff – Councilmember Barich expressed gratitude to the City Manager and staff for their efforts to get him up to speed on city government procedures and issues facing Redlands' future.

Go Wildcats – The entire City Council expressed support for the Redlands East Valley High School football team in their quest for the state championship on Saturday, December 20, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:13 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on January 6, 2015.