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 June 16, 2015, at 5:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Paul Foster, Mayor

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 Pro Tem Harrison 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) Three Cases:
   c. Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board Administrative Proceedings Proposed Enforcement Action

2. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
   Property: APN 0168-121-03
   Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Fred Cardenas
   Negotiating party: Phillip Burum, Diversified Pacific
   Under negotiation: Terms and price for the purchase of City property

The meeting reconvened at 6:07 P.M. with an invocation by Councilmember Barich followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

City Attorney McHugh announced that no reportable action was taken by the City Council during the closed session.
PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller introduced “Allie”, a three month old female calico kitten, who is available for adoption along with twenty-nine dogs and seventy-seven other cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller informed the Council thirty-eight dogs and twenty-two cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Soroptimists’ Anniversary – Mayor Pro Tem Harrison presented a Certificate of Excellence to Peggy Brier, representing Soroptomist International of Redlands, recognizing 65 years of support for local organizations and the women and girls of the community.

Let’s Go Fishing – Mayor Pro Tem Harrison presented proclamations to Jim Bacca, Micah White and Jim Nolin, representing respectively the Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club, their Satellite Club and the Rotary Club of Redlands for providing exceptional service to the local community and declaring June 27, 2015 as Fishing Derby Day.

Water Conservation – Redlands Water Conservation Manager Celia Griego, assisted by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, recognized Jared Dennis and Riley Simmons as the winners of the 2015 Water Conservation Poster Contest.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Street Paving Schedule – Vera de Boer wanted to know when the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy is going to pave her street. Dennis Bell wanted to know why the recent paving of Ninth Street is being torn up Southern California Edison.

Crime Rate – Andy Hoder described recent incidents which could be indicating a rise in crime within the City of Redlands and requested informational briefings from the Police Department be presented periodically at City Council meetings to inform residents on the subject of crime in the community.

Olio – Mario Saucedo spoke in support of a skate park for the Redlands community. He requested better street lighting on Orange Street north of Colton Avenue. He highlighted concerns for adequate pedestrian walkways with the development of areas along Lugonia Avenue. And lastly, he thanked staff, specifically Chris Boatman, for positive steps being taken to address the use of abandoned houses for criminal activities.

Special Olympics – Jeff Martinez solicited support for Special Olympics Host Town Redlands from July 19-24, 2015. Redlands is one of 83 cities in Southern California who will be hosting teams for the World Summer Games in Los Angeles. More funds are needed to provide for the feeding and transportation of 200 athletes who will be staying in Redlands from July 20-24, 2015.
Access to Staff – Steve Rogers read from a letter he wrote to the City Council expressing his concerns about processes utilized by staff and his continued frustration in trying to gain access to individuals to discuss these concerns.

Drought – Bill Cunningham discussed a written response he had received from staff concerning his remarks at the previous City Council meeting. He said he believed there are many steps which could be taken to mitigate the effects of the current drought conditions and presented a list of examples for consideration. Mr. Cunningham restated his concern about the negative impact on area trees if actions are not taken to provide adequate irrigation for them.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2015.

Proclamation – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a proclamation recognizing the Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club, their Satellite Club and the Rotary Club of Redlands for providing exceptional service to the local community and declaring June 27, 2015 as Fishing Derby Day.

Excellence – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a Certificate of Excellence to Rabbi Hillel Cohn for his outstanding service to the community and congratulating the Congregation Emanu El upon the 124th anniversary of its charter.

Commendation – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a Certificate of Commendation to Redlands High School State Champion Mock Trial Team for taking first place in the 34th Annual California Mock Trial Competition.

Proclamation – As public comment, Steve Rogers reviewed the history of efforts to establish a skate park in Redlands and expressed his support. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a proclamation declaring June 21, 2015 as Go Skateboarding Day. Susan Broderick thanked Mayor Foster and Mayor Pro Tem Harrison for his involvement in plans to develop a skate park in Sylvan Park and invited everyone to an event in Yucaipa on June 21, 2015 in support of the sport and the park.

Commission Appointment – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved the appointment of Baljil Toor to serve an unexpired term on the Cultural Arts Commission ending January 6, 2018.
Settlement Agreement - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved the public disclosure of details of a settlement to a claim for subrogation between the City of Redlands and the Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club. Under the terms of the settlement, the City received the sum of $22,900.43 for damages resulting from an automobile collision with an electrical box owned by the City.

Settlement Agreement - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved the public disclosure of details of a Parental Indemnity Agreement and Release between the City of Redlands and Mary Herold as guardian for Matthew Herold. Under the terms of the agreement, the City will pay the sum of $15,000.00 to Mary Herold for the release from all claims associated with an incident involving Mathew Herold’s detention at San Bernardino County Juvenile Hall on March 11, 2015.

Insurance Renewal – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a letter to renew and bind coverage for the Redlands Municipal Airport Premises Liability Insurance with National Union Fire.

Resolutions No. 7531 and 7532 – Personnel Administration – Human Resources/Risk Management Director Amy Martin presented background on the updated personnel rules and regulations. As public comment, Steve Rogers applauded the update, but said the resolution should have been a new business item on the agenda, so a more thorough discussion of the document could have transpired. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7531 establishing updated procedures for administration of employer-employee relations, and Resolution No. 7532 adopting the City of Redlands Personnel Rules and Regulations.

Bid Rejection – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved the rejection of all bids received for the 2015 Sidewalk Repair Project, Project No. 40088.

Proclamation – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a proclamation declaring the month of July 2015 as Parks and Recreation Month and urging all residents to support the goal of a Healthy Redlands by participating in the activities available through the recreation program and at the City’s parks.

Façade and Easement Agreement – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a Façade and Access Easement Agreement between the City of Redlands and the Jacobson, David & Nancy Revoc Trust 4/3/08 for the preservation and enhancement of three art murals located at 109 East State Street.
Resolution No. 7533 – Franchise Transfer – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7533 consenting to the transfer of a cable television franchise from Verizon California, Inc. to Frontier Communications Corporation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

CVP 365 Club – Police Chief Mark Garcia thanked the community for their participation and support for the Civilian Volunteer Patrol (CVP) Program and read from a list of donors, grouped by number of years of participation, each of whom will receive certificates of appreciation for their efforts as financial supporters. Mayor Pro Tem Harrison added the thanks of the City Council and a grateful community for the important and cost effective contributions of the CVP.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Purchase Orders – Purchasing Manager Dana Abramovitz-Daniel presented an overview of existing annual purchase orders. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved existing annual purchase orders with Lowe’s not to exceed $160,000, Grainger not to exceed $180,000, Fastenal not to exceed $190,000, Home Depot not to exceed $190,000, Office Depot not to exceed $198,000, Cintas not to exceed $98,000 and Hertz Equipment Rental not to exceed $110,000 for the provision of miscellaneous tools, equipment and supplies on a need-by-need basis for total annual amounts.

Laptop Computer Purchase – Chief Innovation Officer Danielle Garcia described the need to replace staff laptop computers. As public comment, Andy Hoder asked for more detail in staff reports released to the public with the meeting agenda. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved the purchase of forty-nine new replacement laptop computers from Cyber Computers, Inc. at a cost not-to-exceed $48,382.00.

Veterinary Services – Lieutenant Travis Martinez, of the Redlands Police Department, presented the annual renewal of an agreement for the provision of veterinary services, including spay/neutering, at the Redlands Animal Shelter. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and General Dog & Cat Hospital to provide veterinary services, including spay/neutering, and medical supplies to the Redlands Animal Shelter. Consensus agreed to rotate days between three veterinarians to provide spay/neuter service.

Public Entity Liability Insurance – Human Resources/Risk Management Director Amy Martin presented a contract to provide public entity liability insurance coverage. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Argonaut Insurance Company to bind coverage for the City’s Public Entity Excess liability insurance.
Workers’ Compensation Insurance – Human Resources/Risk Management
Director Amy Martin presented a contract to provide workers’ compensation insurance coverage. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Safety National to bind coverage for the City’s Excess Workers’ Compensation Insurance.

CONFIRE Participation – Fire Chief Jeff Frazier presented the benefits and costs associated with the City’s membership in the Consolidated Fire Agencies of the East Valley Joint Powers Authority (CONFIRE JPA). On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved participation as a member of the CONFIRE JPA for FY 2015-2016 and authorized payment of fees of up to $566,801.07.

Digester Cleaning – Mike Pool, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented a contract for required wastewater treatment plant maintenance. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and O.C. Vacuum, Inc., in the amount of $80,720.00, to perform cleaning services for Digestors No. 1 and 2 at the City’s wastewater treat plant.

Miscellaneous MUED Annual Purchase Orders - Chris Diggs, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department (MUED), presented a summary of the annual purchase orders for a variety of supplies such as plumbing parts, chemicals necessary for water treatment, and aggregate for street repairs, used by the department to manage water operations. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved annual purchase orders identified by staff and totaling $3,030,000. The purchase orders approved consist of the following: $175,000 with Olin Corporation and $40,000 with Pacific Star Chemical for sodium hypochlorite; $50,000 with Alpha Lion Distributors for sodium hydroxide; $50,000 with Thatcher Company of California for aluminum sulfate; $30,000 with Alpha Lion Distributors for sodium bisulfate; $20,000 with JCI Jones for chlorine gas; $100,000 with Alpha Lion Distributors for aluminum chlorohydrate; $65,000 with Nalco, $100,000 with Solenis LLC, and $190,000 with Polydyne, Inc. for coagulation polymer; $100,000 with California Water Technologies for ferric chloride; $60,000 with Brenntag for citric acid; $400,000 with JW Dangelo Company, Inc. and $100,000 with Western Water Works Supply Company for materials, parts, supplies and other related items; $30,000 with Alhambra Reprographics, Inc. dba A&I Reprographics for plans, specification reproduction and project signs; $400,000 with Ferguson Enterprises for water meters; $50,000 with Hopkins Technical Products, Inc. for various chemical feed parts, supplies and related items; $50,000 with Capricorn Group for water treatment process equipment, parts, supplies and related items; $65,000 with Hach Company for wastewater consumables, replacement parts, supplies and related items; $50,000 with C&V Equipment for spoils and waste removal; $100,000 with C&V Equipment for aggregate, sand and temporary
asphalt; $320,000 with One Stop Landscape for sludge removal; $25,000 with ALFA Laval for wastewater centrifuge service, parts and warranty work; $10,000 with Evoqua Water Technologies for wastewater bacteriology media and blank samples; $100,000 with Hach Company for wastewater analyzers service support and replacement parts; $20,000 with IDEXX Laboratories for wastewater bacteriology consumables; $30,000 with RS Instruments & Service for wastewater service, troubleshooting and calibration; and $300,000 with Tesco Controls, Inc. for service, equipment and troubleshooting for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition.

Quality of Life Annual Purchase Orders – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas presented an overview of proposed new annual purchase orders. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved new annual purchase orders with One-Stop Landscaping Supply for $525,000.00, Larry Jacinto Construction for not-to-exceed $50,000.00, Applied LNG Technologies for $450,000.00, Otto Environmental Systems for $220,000.00, and San Bernardino County Public Works for $150,000.00 for FY 2015-2016.

Landfill Gas Collection – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas provided background on high methane gas levels at the City landfill. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and SCS Design Services, in an amount not-to-exceed $58,000.00 for technical evaluation and design services for the landfill gas collection system at the California Street Landfill.

Burglar and Fire Alarm – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas proposed the annual renewal of the City burglar and fire alarm system agreement. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Pacific Alarm, in the amount of $36,906.00, for the operation and maintenance of the burglar and fire alarm services.

General Plan Steering Committee – Troy Clark, General Plan Project Administrator, presented a need for guidance during the update process for the City of Redlands General Plan. As public comment, Dennis Bell remarked as to the similarity between the proposed Committee application and that used to select a replacement City Councilmember. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved the formation of a General Plan Steering Committee to facilitate the update to the City of Redlands General Plan and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Jon Harrison and Councilmember John James as the City Council representatives to the General Plan Steering Committee. Qualification to represent the West End Planning Area of the General Plan map will be either a resident of the planning area or a business owner within the planning area.
PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolutions No. 7496, 7497, 7498, 7499 and 7509, and Ordinance No. 2815 – Newland Homes, Applicant – Mayor Pro Tem Harrison opened the hearing and called upon Development Services Director Oscar Orci to provide background and an update on land use issues associated with an application from Newland Homes for a Planned Residential Development on approximately 30.51 acres consisting of eighty-two single family residential lots and seven lettered lots located on the north side of Pioneer Avenue, east of Texas Street, in the A-1 (Agricultural) District. At the request of staff, and on motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council agreed to continue this public hearing to the July 7, 2015 regular City Council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Busy Busy – Councilmember Gilbreath announced she has recently attended a ribbon cutting and two board meetings and sold beer at Surfin’ State Street. She reiterated her support for the Rotary Fishing Derby on June 27th at Ford Park and reminded everyone that she and Councilmember James will be conducting Coffee with the Council at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Stell Coffee.

Redlands Pride – Councilmember Barich congratulated staff for their efforts to stay within budget and manage the money of the people. He also stated his sense of honor for Redlands to be selected as a host city for the Special Olympics and thanked all those involved in this worthwhile event.

Apartment Opening – Councilmember James attended the opening of Circa 2020, the apartment complex located west of Citrus Plaza. He was impressed at the market sector being targeted with this complex. The average income of the first 35 renters is over $77,000 per year.

Adaptive Reuse – Along with members of the Redlands Conservancy, Mayor Pro Tem Harrison attended a tour of renovated government buildings in San Diego which have been adapted to other uses. He hoped some of the ideas used there can be applied to efforts here in Redlands.

SANBAG Assembly – Mayor Pro Tem Harrison will be attending the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) General Assembly in Ontario on June 18, 2015.

Housing Conference – Mayor Pro Tem Harrison and Councilmember James will be attending the Building Industry Association Housing Policy Conference also in Ontario on June 19, 2015.
State of the City – Mayor Pro Tem Harrison reminded everyone of the Mayor’s annual State of the City Address to be given at the Orton Center of the University of Redlands on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at 11:30 A.M. The price of lunch is $35.00; however there will be seating available for free for those who wish to hear the address without eating the meal.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on July 7, 2015.