

MINUTES: of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Orton Center, University of Redlands, 1200 E. Colton Ave., Redlands, California, on June 25, 2015 at 12:15 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; 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/Risk Management Director

To address Brown Act considerations, Mayor Foster called this special meeting to provide the opportunity for all Councilmembers to attend a luncheon hosted by the City of Redlands Chamber of Commerce.

PRESENTATIONS:

Community Heroes – Janice McConnell read the citations and Mayor Foster presented awards recognizing individuals and organizations for their efforts in support of the Redlands community. In the category of Beautification Awards, recognition was given to Tim Rochford and the Rochford Foundation for the renovation of the Burrage Mansion at 1205 West Crescent Avenue and to Tom Cutler and ChurchWest Insurance Services for the renovation of the former YWCA building at 201 Cajon Street. In the category of Redlands Heroes, recognition was given to Isabelle Hosking for her many hours of selfless volunteering with the senior nutrition program at the Redlands Community Senior Center; to Maria Lopez, part-time translator for the Redlands Unified School District, for countless hours of her time volunteering as band booster, PTA board member, room mom, barbecue and carnival organizer, seamstress, chaperone and many other roles in support of school activities; to Heidi Mayer for her dedication to the homeless youth in Redlands through her founding and singular leadership of the Youth Hope program; and to Sam Irwin for his efforts to keep the contributions, sacrifices and needs of Redlands veterans in the forefront of public consciousness. In the category of Employee Heroes, recognition was given to Officer Alex Paredes, of the Redlands Police Department, for his development of the Street Smart program, aimed at kids ages 5 and up, utilizing martial arts training to focus on structure, discipline and respect; and to Engineer Don Trujillo, of the Redlands Fire Department, for his efforts as manager of the “Spark of Love” holiday toy drive, committing countless hours each year to organize,

plan and publicize the event and continue to collect toys for thousands of Redlands children.

Mayor Foster offered those present the opportunity to speak on any subject included in the special meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None forthcoming

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY:

Through a combination of video and live presentations, each Councilmember addressed a separate area of emphasis which occupied the City Council's attention during the previous year. Councilmember James addressed the Redlands Municipal Airport. Councilmember Barich discussed tourism. Councilmember Gilbreath highlighted emergency operations. And Mayor Pro Tem Harrison discussed parks, trails and open space. Mayor Foster's remarks listed accomplishments such as growth in the City's reserve funds and revenues received by the City from increased economic activity, an 80% satisfaction rating among Redlands residents, improvement in the sustainability of human resource costs and visible progress on infrastructure repairs. He highlighted challenges faced by the City such as sidewalk repair needs, drought conditions, modernization of the cemetery, utilization of the airport, beautification of the City's gateways, development of the Redlands Mall property, and updates of the City's fee schedule and the General Plan. The Mayor concluded with a call for initiatives to conceive and develop art in public places and to purchase and equip an emergency operations command center trailer. He promised the City Council will continue to revive infrastructure, stabilize finances and extend the benefits of residence in the City of Redlands.

As a conclusion to the meeting, Mayor Foster offered those present the opportunity to speak on any subject not included in the special meeting agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Redlands City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None forthcoming

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held at 5:00 P.M. on July 7, 2015.