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:

2. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
   Property: APNs 0292-034-02, -05 & -08
   Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
   Negotiating party: Robert W. Best Family Trust
   Under negotiation: Terms and price for the purchase of property by City

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Councilmember James 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 Volunteer Carly Carlstrom introduced “Spring”, a one year old female Chihuahua mix, who is available for adoption along with forty-eight other dogs, ninety-four cats and one rabbit at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Carlstrom informed the Council thirty-one dogs, eighteen cats and one chinchilla have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

AirFest Benefit – Ben and Sue Cook presented checks to many organizations as a result of funds raised by Hangar 24 Charities at the Redlands Municipal Airport AirFest 2015. A total of $14,000.00 was presented to the Redlands Fire Department, the Redlands Police Department, the Redlands Citrus Fund, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Elks Lodge No. 583, Experimental Aircraft Association Redlands Chapter 845, and the Special Olympics in the name of the University of Redlands.

Hometown Heroes Recognition – In recognition of their participation in the Redlands Hometown Heroes Program, Mayor Foster and City Clerk Irwin, assisted by Liz Marin, City of Redlands Volunteer Coordinator, presented certificates of appreciation to family members of twelve Redlands residents who have recently served or are serving in the armed forces. Banners, bearing the name and likeness of each military member, which had flown over the streets of Redlands for the past two years, were also presented to the families.

Animal Shelter Recognition – In recognition of their support for the Redlands Animal Shelter, Mayor Foster and Police Chief Mark Garcia, assisted by Animal Control Officer Bill Miller, presented plaques to fourteen contributing residents and businesses.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Project Status – Andy Hoder requested the status of the work being done at the intersections of Redlands Boulevard and Alabama Street and Redlands Boulevard and Colton Avenue. Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Chris Diggs estimated completion of the projects within ten weeks.

Skate Park – Susan Broderick observed another summer is passing with no progress on a skate park for local youth.

Redlands Passenger Rail – Greg Brittain and Carolyn Hays spoke in opposition to the proposed San Bernardino Associated Governments project to provide mass transit from the City of Redlands to San Bernardino. Ms. Hays described a site of a homeless camp which she said would increase with the introduction of the train.

Park Development – Dennis Bell expressed dissatisfaction with the City’s development of the Orange Street Alley Park and the Orange Blossom Trail.
CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2015 as submitted.

Claim Settlement – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of $9,521.00, for the replacement of a traffic light pole, as a settlement of the City of Redlands claim for subrogation with State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and Richard Wayne Wilson.

Ordinance No. 2815 – Zone Change – As public comment, Andy Hoder requested more detail in the City Council Meeting Agenda package and the accompanying staff reports. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2815 (Zone Change No. 442) to change the zoning designation of approximately 30.51 acres, located east of Texas Street on the north side of Pioneer Avenue, from A-1 (Agricultural) District to PRD/R-E (Planned Residential Development/Residential Estate) District.

First Responder Training – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved an independent contractor agreement between the City of Redlands and Jerry Lerouge to provide Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, First Aid, and Automated External Defibrillator instruction for the City’s Recreation Division.

Spanish Classes – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved an independent contractor agreement between the City of Redlands and Kia Harris to provide Spanish classes for the City’s Recreation Division.

Rental Agreement – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved a Rental Agreement between the City of Redlands and Redlands Pride AAU Football for the use of the fields at Texonia Park.

Fee Waiver – As a public comment, Dennis Bell observed that some of the supporting documentation required for a waiver request was missing from the staff report available for public review prior to the meeting. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Redlands Chamber of Commerce for the waiver of fees associated with the Fright Night 5K Run event to be held on October 24, 2015.

Fee Waiver – As a public comment, Andy Hoder observed that the Mormon Church should have adequate funds to pay at least a portion of the fees for their event. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember
Barich, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – Redlands Stake for the waiver of fees associated with the Bike Race and Fun Run event to be held on September 26, 2015.

Façade and Easement Agreement – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council approved a Façade and Access Easement Agreement between the City of Redlands and the Shabahang-Hatami Family Trust for the preservation and enhancement of commercial properties located at 5 and 19 East Citrus Avenue adjacent to the Orange Street Alley Park.

Aid to Victims – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Redlands Fire Department and the California Fire Foundation Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) Program to offer emergency financial assistance to fire and natural disaster victims.

Resolution No. 7550 – Weed Abatement – On motion of Councilmember Barich, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7550 declaring weeds to be a public nuisance and setting September 1, 2015 for a public hearing for objections to proposed weed abatement.

Urban Area Security – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of the Urban Area Security Initiative grant funding and authorized the additional appropriation of up to $3,700.00 to the Redlands Fire Department.

Resolution No. 7555 – Paramedic Tax – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7555 establishing the rate for the voter-approved special tax emergency paramedic service for FY 2015-2016.

Fire Equipment Purchases – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved an annual purchase order with ALLSTAR Fire Equipment for $50,000.00 for specialized apparel and equipment for Redlands Fire Department Safety Personnel.

Resolution No. 7554 – CFD Annexation – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7554 declaring intention to annex territory into Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2004-1, Annexation No. 14.

Resolution No. 7553 – Grant Application – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7553 authorizing an application for grant funds for the
California River Parkways grant program and designate the Mayor to execute agreements associated with the grant.

Ordinance No. 2820 – Utility Service Fees – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2820 modifying Chapter 13.60 of the Redlands Municipal Code to include Measure U requirements that all capital improvement and other developer fees associated with the extension of utility service to property outside the City of Redlands should be paid at a rate applicable to the property had it been located within the City.

Resolution No. 7551 – Traffic Regulation – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7551 installing two additional stop signs to achieve a four-way stop intersection at Olive Avenue and Eureka Street.

Work-Study Program – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and the University of Redlands to participate in the 2015-2016 Work-Study Program.

Investigation Vehicle – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for the loan of a vehicle from Nationwide to be used in specialized investigations involving Geographic Positioning System technology.

Police Vehicle Purchase – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved the purchase of two 2015 Ford Sedan Police Interceptors AWD in the amount of $45,875.32.

Discounted Long Distance Calling – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved an Authorization to Order under the California Integrated Telecommunications Network (CALNET 3) contract with AT&T for discounted services under the Long Distance Calling category.

Uniforms – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved a $22,000.00 increase to the annual purchase order with Cintas to provide uniform services on a need-by-need basis for a not-to-exceed total annual amount of $120,000.00

COMMUNICATIONS:

Delegate Appointments – On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously approved the designation of Councilmember Gilbreath to serve as the City of Redlands voting delegate and Councilmember Barich to serve as the alternate voting delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held September 30 – October 2, 2015.
Water Conservation Efforts – Cecilia Griego, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, summarized steps taken to comply with State Regulations. She thanked the Fire Department for their efforts to develop demonstration landscapes at City fire stations. The City has implemented a four phase approach Plan of Action (POA) to meet the City’s 36% required reduction in water consumption. Now in phase three of the POA, the City has revised and increased incentives. To further encourage customers to conserve water outdoors, where approximately 75% of water is used, the City has made modifications to some of the outdoor rebates. Synthetic turf incentives increased by one dollar per square foot and incentives for drought tolerant plant conversions were created to allow for the conversion from turf to climate appropriate plants. A drought task force has been created to address municipal code interpretation, City facility water use, improvements to water waste reporting methods, and distribution of a citywide uniform water conservation message.

Annual Citrus Report – Ashley Johnson, of the Quality of Life Department, provided an executive summary of the financial viability of the City of Redlands citrus grove operations. The trends reflected in the report are positive, reflecting increased revenues and decreased expenses for managing the groves. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council agreed to receive and file the update.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolutions No. 7537, 7538, 7539, and Ordinance No. 2819 – Diversified Pacific, Applicant – Rather than open a hearing, Mayor Foster stated that enough issues have been raised with respect to this proposed development to warrant professional advice prior to proceeding. He therefore proposed continuing the public hearing to a later date. Representing the Applicant, Matthew Jordan pointed out that the proposal has been under consideration for quite a while and the issues being raised are relatively recent. He asked that the process be expedited. As public comment, Bill Cunningham and Eric Frazer spoke to the history which resulted in the current noise standards and land use zoning around the Redlands Municipal Airport. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously agreed to continue the public hearing to the October 6, 2015 regular City Council meeting.

Ordinances No. 2821 and 2822 – Zone Change and Sign Code Change – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Loralee Farris, of the Development Services Department, to summarize the request of the applicant, James B. Harber. Representing the applicant, Jim Tower explained the need for more signage to make the property in consideration more marketable. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously determined, based on the whole of the administrative record to date, that the information contained in the whole record justifies the adoption of a Notice of Exemption for the project and directed staff to file and post a Notice of
Exemption in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2822 for Zone Change No. 449 to rezone approximately 2.84 acres from the A-P (Administrative and Professional Office) District to the A-P-C (Administrative-Professional-Commercial) District located at 1447 Ford Street, on the northeast corner of Ford Street and Reservoir Road; and approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2821 for Ordinance Text Amendment No. 343 to amend Section 18.82.190 (Administrative-Professional-Commercial) District of the Redlands Municipal Code to allow the sign code standard of the C-3 (General Commercial) District in the A-P-C (Administrative-Professional-Commercial) District.

Resolution No. 7547 – Delinquent Services Accounts – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Finance Director Tina Kundig for background on a request to submit a report of delinquent municipal services accounts to San Bernardino County for lien processing. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7547 approving the Delinquent Municipal Services Account Report and submittal of the Report to the Auditor of San Bernardino County for lien processing.

Resolution No. 7548 – Delinquent Administrative Citations - Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Finance Director Tina Kundig for background on a request to submit a report of delinquent administrative citation fines to San Bernardino County for recordation as a special assessment on the FY 2015-2016 tax roll against the properties identified in the report. As public comment, Leslie Eubanks, Andrew Awaida, and Delores Sanchez offered mitigating circumstances associated with their individual Administrative Citations and requested their fines be waived. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7548 approving the Delinquent Administrative Citation Fine Report and submittal of a Notice of Lien to the San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector for processing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 7557 – Cemetery Fees – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, summarized proposed changes the cemetery fee schedule. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7557 confirming existing fees and establishing new product pricing in connection with Hillside Memorial Park’s provision of regulations, products and services; and rescinding Resolution No. 6710. Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item due their ownership of property in the cemetery.

Resolution No. 7552 – Cemetery Loan – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, provided background on a request for a loan of funds in support of cemetery capital improvement projects. As a public comment, Andy Hoder
suggested the proposed loan should not be made until a permanent party cemetery manager is in place. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7552 approving a loan of $634,000.00 from the Cemetery Endowment Fund to the Cemetery Operating Fund. Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item due their ownership of property in the cemetery.

Resolution No. 7556 – Cemetery Rules and Regulations – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, summarized proposed changes to cemetery rules and regulations. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7556 establishing rules and regulations governing the use and operation of Hillside Memorial Park and rescinding Resolution No. 4651. Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item due their ownership of property in the cemetery.

Agreement Termination – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, explained the rationale for terminating the city’s Cemetery Management Consulting Services Agreement. As a public comment, Ryan Lee warned that terminating the agreement would negate certain grant opportunities. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council approved the termination of an agreement between the City of Redlands and Ryan M. Lee for cemetery management consulting services with an effective date of July 26, 2015 and authorized staff to provide written notice of termination. Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item due their ownership of property in the cemetery.

Cemetery Pavement – Mike Pool, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided background on the plan to repave the roads and replace an irrigation pipeline in the cemetery. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council agreed that approval of the Hillside Cemetery Road Resurfacing Project No. 49006 is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, approved the Project plans and specifications, and awarded a contract between the City of Redlands and All American Asphalt, in the amount of $395,331.00, for the work. Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item due their ownership of property in the cemetery.

Landfill Heavy Equipment – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas presented the need to replace heavy equipment at the California Street Landfill. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved a purchase from Johnson Machinery, in the amount of $937,381.04, for a 2015 D8T Waste Handling Dozer and a 2016 CT660S Water Pull Truck.
Reservoir Repurposing – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas provided details on the plan to fund and accomplish the project to fill in the reservoir in Prospect Park. As a public comment, Ted Gablin, of the Redlands Airport Association, thanked staff for using stock piled dirt from the airport to fill the reservoir and encouraged the City Council to seek other similar opportunities to reduce the flight hazard presented by the stock pile at the airport. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed that approval of the Prospect Park Reservoir Fill Dirt Hauling and Repurposing Project is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; approved the reallocation of $115,100.00 in Palmetto Grove Sale Proceeds from the funds designated for Agricultural Open Space Acquisition and Conservation Easements to the Prospect Park Grove Improvement category; approved an additional appropriation in that amount; approved a contract between the City of Redlands and Ames Construction, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed $115,100.00, for the Project.

Shade Structures – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, provided details on the plan to provide shade structures over playground equipment in various City parks. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed that approval of a contract to install shade structures in City parks is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Southern Hemispheres Shades, Inc., in an amount of $238,412.00, for the installation of the shade structures; and approved an additional appropriation of $238,412.00.

Fuel Management – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, presented the rationale for replacing the City’s fuel management software. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed that approval of a contract for fuel management software is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Fuel Equipment Services, LLC, in an amount not-to-exceed $99,392.38, for the replacement of fuel management software and components at the City’s corporate yard.

Grove Replanting – Chris Boatman, of the Quality of Life Department, presented the plan to replant the Prospect Park Grove. As a public comment, numerous speakers expressed support for and opposition against the plan. Questions were raised as to the timing, need, susceptibility to disease, and aesthetic impact of the plan. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council agreed that approval of a contract to replant a city citrus grove is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; approved an amendment to an agreement between the City of Redlands and Larry Jacinto
Farming to include the replanting of the lower 11 acres at Prospect Park; approved the reallocation of $20,000.00 in Palmetto Grove Sale Proceeds from the funds designated for Agricultural Open Space Acquisition and Conservation Easements to the Prospect Park Grove Improvement category; and approved an additional appropriation of $170,000.00. Mayor Foster and Councilmember Barich voted No on the motions stating their disagreement with the necessity for the timing of the action.

Resolution No. 7558 – Strategic Plan Modification – Mayor Foster introduced a proposal to modify the City of Redlands Strategic Plan, and details were provided by Janice McConnell of the City Manager’s Office, to reflect modifications to existing objectives and additional (new) objectives identified at a special meeting of the City Council held on April 28, 2015. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council approved Resolution No. 7558 approving modifications to the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

Pipeline Replacement – Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Chris Diggs presented details on a plan to replace pipeline at the Garnet Street Bridge. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed that approval of a contract to participate in funding construction of a pipeline is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and the County of San Bernardino, in an amount not-to-exceed $273,000.00, and all appropriate contingencies, to replace and install water pipeline at Garnet Street; and approved the pipeline project plans and specifications.

Vacuum/Sewer Jet Truck – Bassam Alzammar, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented the justification for the replacement of the City’s vacuum/sewer jet truck. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the purchase of a new 2016 combination vacuum/sewer jet truck, in the amount of $451,175.40, from Plumbers Depot, Inc.

Orange Blossom Trail – Ross Wittman, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, provided details of a plan to fund a portion of the Orange Blossom Trail Phase I Project. On motions of Councilmember James, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council approved an amendment to a contract between the City of Redlands and KAD Paving Company, in the amount of $215,900.00; and approved an additional appropriation of $215,900.00, of which $90,900.00 is from the Palmetto Grove sale proceeds reserved for Orange Blossom Trail Development and $125,000.00 is from a private donation, to allow for installation of irrigation and planting of landscaping associated with the Orange Blossom Trail Phase I Project. Councilmember Gilbreath voted No on the motions stating her concerns about the unfunded maintenance requirements to keep the Trail looking nice.
Alcohol in the Alley – At the request of staff, this item was removed from consideration on the evening’s meeting agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Councilmember Gilbreath – Attended a Library Board meeting where the idea of a new library was discussed. Attended an Omnitrans Board meeting.

Councilmember Barich – Attended a Street Tree Committee meeting where the idea of identifying historically significant trees around the City was discussed. Any candidate trees should be submitted to the Committee. Recommended everyone should attend one of the performances of Mary Poppins at the Redlands Bowl at 8:15 P.M. Thursday through Sunday, July 23 – 26, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison – Attended Coffee with the Council with Mayor Foster and said they listened more than discussed, but he found it informing and enjoyable.

Councilmember James – Attended the Grand Opening of the new offices of the Redlands Daily Facts with Mayor Foster. Described the positive changes at Panorama Point since the installation of a security camera and thanked the Police Department for their good work.

Mayor Foster – Attended the arrival of the Special Olympics Torch ceremonies. Reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Orange Street Alley Park from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Friday, July 24, 2015 and announced the repaving of State Street is complete. Stores will open at regular times Wednesday morning, July 22, 2015. Good job to all concerned.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on September 1, 2015.