

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 November 17, 2015 at 5:00 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; 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, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Chris Boatman, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Amy Martin, Human Resources 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:

The meeting recessed to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) Two Cases
  - a. Patricia Hillrich v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1404164
  - b. Vonda Zaharopoulos v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1404163
2. Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3) Two Cases
  - a. Consideration of a claim filed against the City by KAD Paving
  - b. Consideration of a claim filed against the City by Anastasia Davis
3. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
  - Property: 173 Eureka Street
  - Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Chris Boatman
  - Negotiating party: Watchorn Lincoln Memorial Association and the Contemporary Club
  - Under negotiation: Terms for the lease of property to the City

4. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8  
 Property: 212 Brookside Avenue, APNs 0171-101-01, -02, -03, -04 & -05 and 0171-211-15, -17 & -25  
 Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci  
 Negotiating party: Thomas M. Robinson, Vantage One Real Estate  
 Under negotiation: Terms for the purchase of City property
  
5. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8  
 Property: APNs 0300-231-36, 0300-241-24 and -25  
 Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci  
 Negotiating party: Hudson Survivor’s Trust and the Estate of Otis Hudson, Jr.  
 Under negotiation: Terms for the purchase of property by the City

The meeting reconvened at 6:10 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 that, in closed session, by a unanimous vote, the City Council voted to approve the claim of Anastasia Davis against the City.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller introduced “Cherry”. She is a five year old Chihuahua mix already spayed and ready to go home right away. She has been in the shelter since September 18<sup>th</sup>, when she arrived with two cherry eyes. She is super sweet and can see very well now, after having her eyes worked on thanks to the Friends of the Redlands Animal Shelter, and has a microchip thanks to the Redlands Elks Lodge. Officer Miller announced that thirty-one dogs and twenty-three cats were adopted since the last City Council meeting and the current population at the shelter is nineteen dogs and sixty cats.

Emergency Service Recognition – Michael Ramirez, of the San Bernardino County Fire Department Office of Emergency Services, presented a Volunteer and Services Award to the City of Redlands and Emergency Manager Fay Glass for our contribution to the County being recognized by the State of California for a superior Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

Bicycle Classic Appreciation – Marc Shaw, of the Redlands Bicycle Classic Committee presented a short video highlighting the 2015 Redlands Bicycle Classic and a lithograph in appreciation for the City’s contribution to the success of that event.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Syrian Refugees – Seven residents spoke in opposition to a United Nations program to relocate refugees from the war in Syria. Concerns were expressed as to the impact such relocations have on public safety and requests were made for the local government to deny access to the City of Redlands for these refugees. Andy Hoder spoke in favor of compassion for displaced persons.

Sidewalk Repair – Daniel Oliver criticized methods being utilized by crews repairing the sidewalks throughout the city. He observed that tree roots are not being removed prior to the pouring of new concrete on the sidewalk.

Suggestions for the Economy – Patricia Sachs listed several suggestions for stimulating the economy of the City of Redlands.

Shop with a Cop – Gail Howard presented an appeal to the City Council and the City Staff to adopt a child for the annual “Shop with a Cop” program.

Veterans Day – Dennis Bell and Arthur Anderson observed that the 2015 Veterans Day Parade, Ceremony and Picnic provided a wonderful celebration.

Access – Steve Rogers expressed frustration in gaining access to information from anyone on the City staff.

Prospect Park Grove – Three residents requested reconsideration of the twice decided replanting of the Prospect Park Grove.

General Plan Proceedings Critique – Sam Wong offered suggestions to improve the public concerns representation at meetings of the Steering Committee for the City of Redlands General Plan Update.

Redlands Train – Greg Brittain spoke in opposition to the proposed Redlands Passenger Rail Project.

## CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2015.

Resolution No. 7588 – CDBG Administration – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7588 authorizing substitution of trustee and full reconveyance to Ghays Kawas and Tamara Kawas and cancellation of a promissory note with General Technique in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise Assistance Program.

Grant Application – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously authorized an application for a Target Public Safety Grant.

Grant Application – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously authorized an application for a Corporation for National and Community Services Grant.

Grant Application – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously authorized an application for a Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grant.

Grant Application – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously authorized an application for a Corporation for Walmart Foundation Community Grant.

BOE Waiver – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a Waiver of Limitation with the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) related to the California Integrated Waste Management fee.

Solid Waste Advisor – This item was pulled from the agenda to be addressed at a later date.

Fee Waiver – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Kiwanis Club of Redlands for the waiver of \$4,188.00 in fees associated with the annual Redlands Christmas Parade to be held on December 5, 2015.

SANBAG Agreement – As public comment, Andy Hoder and Steve Rogers spoke in opposition to payments to San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council approved a license agreement between the City of Redlands and SANBAG for use of a right-of-way to access a parking lot in Sylvan Park and determined that the action is exempt from review in accordance with Section 15061 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. Councilmember Barich voted No on the motion stating, in his opinion, SANBAG should be paying the City of Redlands for the right-of-way.

Resolution No. 7590 – Traffic Regulation – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7590 establishing a no parking zone in front of 301 East Redlands Boulevard, and determining that the project is exempt from review in accordance with Section 15061 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

Firefighters MOU Side Letter – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a side letter to the current Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Professional Firefighters Association. The side letter establishes provisions and requirements per Internal Revenue Service guidelines for participation in a qualified 401(a) program.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

Neighborhood Concerns Action Plan – Tabitha Kevari, of the Quality of Life Department, presented an executive summary of the City of Redlands Operational Action Plan for Addressing Neighborhood Concerns. The Plan is a multidepartment approach providing the framework to identify community concerns in their infancy so that an effective response can be implemented. Execution of the plan is intended to ensure that future issues are identified before they become untenable for the affected community. In addition, it is intended to significantly improve the communication between the City and its residents as well as internally within the various City departments. The goal of the Plan for addressing neighborhood concerns is to “restore tranquility to neighborhoods by eradicating crime and disorder issues through the establishment and use of a coordinated, citywide process that will quickly identify and proactively respond to these issues in the future. Police Lieutenant Travis Martinez used the Plan as an overlay to address all the actions taken in response to neighborhood concerns recently expressed by residents of the 300 blocks of Clark Street, Myrtle Street and East Fern Avenue. As public comment, Hillary Lawson and David Estes, residents of Myrtle Street, expressed their total support for the Plan and thanked all the City Staff and the Police and Fire Departments for the significant positive results they have experienced in the neighborhood. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file the Plan.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolution No. 7589 – Tentative Tract Map No. 18988 (Revision No. 1) – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Loralee Farris, of the Development Services Department, to provide background on a request from Newland Homes to amend the condition of approval relating to the timing for construction of a private park and related improvements as part of an eighty-two (82) lot, planned residential development including seven (7) lettered lots on 30.51 acres located on the north side of Pioneer Avenue, east of Texas Street in the PRD/R-E (Planned Residential Development/Residential Estate) District. Representing the applicant, Bryan Avilla thanked staff for their assistance in the process and requested two changes to the conditions of approval to aid the developer with cash flow of the project. As public comment, Steve Rogers expressed frustration in trying to obtain information on the development. On motions of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously agreed that Tentative Tract Map No. 18988 (Revision No. 1) does not require further environmental processing pursuant to Section 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, adopted Resolution No. 7589 approving Tentative Tract Map No. 18988 (Revision No. 1) to revise the conditions of approval relating to the timing for construction of a private park and related improvements. The motion included accommodation of the applicants requests that should Lot “B” be offered to the City through dedication, the recreational facilities contained on Lot “B” shall be constructed prior to obtaining a Certificate

of Occupancy on the fortieth home in the subdivision, that the applicant's compliance with the revised construction phasing plan will be monitored and any revisions thereto accepted by the Development Services Department, and the Redlands Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Development Requirements paragraph C3 is changed to reflect the exception to development impact fees as provided in Section 3.32.050 of the Redlands Municipal Code, which authorizes the City Council to accept the donation of land or the construction of improvements and development of park land to satisfy all or part of the obligation to pay the Open Space/Park fees.

Point of Order – To enhance the City Council decision making process the first item on the agenda under new business, The Redlands Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Study, was addressed prior to the second scheduled public hearing.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Airport Land Use – Bob Dalquest, of the Development Services Department, summarized the findings listed in the Redlands Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Study and defined a plan of action to address the findings. He introduced David Fitz, of Coffman Associates, Inc., and Lori Ballance, of Gatzke Dillon & Ballance, for any questions. As public comment, eight speakers offered different perspectives on the findings of the Study. Members of the airport community and individuals introduced as aviation experts presented observations on the location and specifications of a helicopter school traffic pattern in use at the airport. Peter Pitassi and Matt Jordan, representing Diversified Pacific, landowners and developers in the area of the airport, observed the importance of a safely run airport to the Redlands economy, but requested an expedited process to decide how that will be achieved. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously agreed to accept the Study report, directed staff to pursue an amendment to the Redlands Municipal Airport Permit issued by Caltrans, Aeronautics Division, to allow the helicopter training pattern south of the runway, to initiate updates to the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and Airport Master Plan commensurate with changes in helicopter flight operations, and for consistency with the 2011 California Airport Land Use Handbook, and update the implementing ordinance (Redlands Municipal Code Chapter 12.56) that establishes the dimensions for that southerly helicopter traffic pattern to accurately reflect the guidance from the 2003 City Council action.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONT'D):

Resolutions No. 7537, 7538, 7539, and Ordinance No. 2819 – Diversified Pacific, Applicant – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Sean Kelleher, of the Development Services Department, to provide background on a development application from Newland Homes to remove a portion of an approximately 32.28 acre site from a City Agricultural Preserve located on the north side of San Bernardino Avenue, approximately 600 feet east of Judson Street in the A-1

(Agricultural) District (Proposed change to R-E (Residential Estate) District; rezone the 32.28 acres from A-1 (Agricultural) District to R-E (Residential Estate) District; and subdivide the property into fifty-five (55) lots for single family residential use and one (1) lettered lot for open space purposes. At the request of staff, and on motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council unanimously agreed to table this item to allow for additional analysis to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D):

Salary Schedule – Human Resources/Risk Management Director Amy Martin explained the need to revise the City of Redlands salary schedules to meet all California Government Code and Code of Regulations requirements. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the salary schedule effective July 1, 2014 and the salary schedule effective July 1, 2015.

Water Rate Increase – Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Chris Diggs presented a proposal to increase water rates to accommodate a funding shortfall due to constant water production costs accompanied by decreased demand for water as a result of conservation efforts. As public comment, nine speakers expressed their opposition to a rate increase and suggested other sources for the funding to address the water production costs. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council unanimously agreed to table the item until the first regular meeting of the City Council in January 2016.

Alcohol Consumption Permit – Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman outlined a request to consume alcohol at a wedding in Prospect Park. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved a request for the consumption of alcohol at Prospect Park for the Bechtel/Stoica Wedding to be held on April 23, 2016.

Cycling Classes – Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman presented details of a request to conduct bicycling classes in Hillside Memorial Cemetery. As public comment, Andy Hoder and Dennis Bell spoke in opposition to the proposed classes categorizing the idea as irreverent. Sean Wilson defended the concept citing the benefit of education and exercise for young children. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council voted to disapprove a request from the Barry and Joyce Wilson Family Foundation to conduct a Bicycle Skills and Drills event in Hillside Memorial Park. Mayor Foster and Councilmember Gilbreath recused themselves from discussion and voting on the motion due to his/her ownership of property in the cemetery.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Coffee Cancelled - Mayor Foster announced the cancellation of *Coffee with the Council* for Saturday, November 21, 2015, to allow the entire City Council to attend the Community Day of Service project along the Orange Blossom Trail at 8:00 A.M. on that date.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address, Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:28 P.M. in the memory of Redlands resident and San Bernardino Police Officer Bryce Hanes, killed in the line of duty. The next regular meeting of the Redlands City Council is scheduled on December 1, 2015.