

MINUTES: of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on January 13, 2016 at 4:30 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 session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming.

PLANNING WORKSHOP:

Strategic Plan Progress Report – Mayor Foster explained the purpose of this workshop was to provide an update from staff as to progress toward the primary focus area objectives and planned activities for the City of Redlands 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

Strategic Plan Objectives Overview – Assistant to the City Manager Janice McConnell provided a brief presentation of each of the focus area objectives, which include, Fiscal Accountability, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Land Resource Management, and Safety and Community Services. She also outlined specific actions in support of the objectives and reviewed the status of work. As public comment, Andy Hoder suggested the subject of this special meeting should be more appropriately discussed at a regular City Council meeting to reach a wider audience.

Priority Focus Review – Mayor Foster led the discussion reviewing the five Priority Focus areas, taking each one separately. City Council remarks and suggested edits resulted in a proposed list of additions and or modifications to the Priority Focus Areas. Objectives involving the airport, transit village studies and conservation easements will be considered as additions to the Plan and brought back for Council review at a future date.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2827 - Cannabis Dispensaries, Cannabis Manufacturers, Cultivation, and Delivery of Cannabis – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Lorelee Farris, of the Development Services Department, for background and reasons for the timing of proposed changes to the Redlands Municipal Code (RMC). The California legislature recently adopted legislation identified as the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) to comprehensively regulate medical marijuana (medical cannabis). Although the MMRSA allows municipalities to regulate or ban cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, transportation, and distribution of medical cannabis within their jurisdictions, it requires some local enabling legislation to accomplish some aspects of this. If a city chooses to regulate these activities comprehensively, it must adopt an overlay of local regulatory standards that are at least as strict as the state’s default regulations. Specifically, the MMRSA provides that if a City has not banned or regulated cannabis cultivation by March 1, 2016, then cultivation in that City will be subject only to State law on this issue. As public comment, Dr. Sam Wong, Andy Hoder and Mario Saucedo expressed support for the proposed prohibitive amendments to the RMC. Dr. Seraj Majid expressed opposition to Ordinance No. 2827 stating that MMRSA is intended to address the use of marijuana for medical, not recreational, purposes and the City of Redlands should be regulating, not prohibiting this use. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2827 amending Chapter 18.18 of the RMC to prohibit cannabis dispensaries, cannabis manufacturers, cultivation, and delivery of cannabis in the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 5:21 P.M. The Council will meet next at their regular meeting scheduled at 5:00 P.M., January 19, 2016.