

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 January 19, 2016 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 real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
Property: APNs 0169-351-02, -03, -04, and -07
(1205, 1225 and 1267 Redlands Blvd)
Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
Negotiating party: Cheryl Nelson, David Jones Trust, Gonkira Properties, LLC
Under negotiation: Terms and price for the purchase of property by City

The meeting reconvened at 6:02 P.M. with an invocation by Councilmember James and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter – Animal Control Officer Bill Miller introduced “Tangerine”, an eight-month old female American Bull Terrier who is available for adoption along with thirty-two other dogs and sixteen cats at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller announced that twenty-six dogs and twenty-two cats were adopted since the last City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Art Project – Larry Dierdorff announced the completion of an art restoration project he accomplished in Ed Hales Park and thanked the City Council for funding the project.

Olio – Greg Brittain encouraged residents to get involved with issues in government; presented reasons and cited support for not accepting Syrian refugees in the City of Redlands; spoke in opposition to the Redlands Passenger Rail project; quoted Ronald Reagan on self-delusion; and highlighted the results of a sustainable transportation study.

Terror Scenario – Greg Humpal, addressing those who disagree with him, presented two similar scenarios at the Redlands Bowl, one involving a benign flash mob, the other involving terrorist suicide bombs.

Compassion – As a rebuttal to January 5, 2016 meeting comments about refusing to allow Syrian refugees into Redlands, Kaitlin Ruppert quoted numbers from the United Nations website and news reports to describe the plight of refugees from the war in Syria.

General Plan Update – Gary Gileno spoke to the law requiring General Plan updates and suggested the City of Redlands consider delaying current efforts.

Skatepark Progress – Maureen Perez thanked the City Council for funding the design of the proposed skatepark and presented details on a fundraising event held on January 17, 2016 which raised close to \$5,000.00 for the park.

More Debate – Bill Miller criticized the current City Council meeting public comment procedures observing there is no exchange of opinions or ideas. He proposed procedures by which the public can ask questions and the City Council can respond during public comment.

Antiterrorism – Judy Miller, owner of the property rented by the terrorist family involved in the December 2, 2015 mass shooting in San Bernardino, asked for government policies to help residents identify in advance those individuals who are more likely to perform terrorist acts.

Anti-toll Lanes – Tressy Capps announced Southern California Associated Governments efforts to build toll lanes on Interstates 10 and 15 and advised residents to get educated on the plan. She informed those present that the public comment portion of the Southern California Association of Governments

transportation planning process will end February 1, 2016 and very few people have responded to date.

Community Involvement – Gail Howard implored residents to get involved in their community and speak up if they see things they don't like.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes – As public comment, Greg Humpal, expressed his continued dissatisfaction with the level and selection of details in the minutes. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2016 and the special meeting of January, 13, 2016.

Board Appointment – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the reappointment of William T. Hardy, Jr. to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for another three-year term ending January 1, 2019.

Escrow Agreement – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Paso Robles Tank, Inc. for security deposits in lieu of retention for the Crafton Hills Reservoir Recoating and Improvements Project.

Grant Application – As public comment, Andy Hoder asked for more details to be made available to the public in the City Council meeting agenda documentation. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously authorized the submission of an application for a Smart & Final Charitable Foundation Grant.

Grant Acceptance – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program funds in the amount of \$500.00 and authorized an additional appropriation in that amount to the Emergency Preparedness account.

Grant Acceptance – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a Federal Emergency Management Agency 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$19,508.00 and authorized an additional appropriation in that amount to the Emergency Preparedness account.

Resolution No. 7596 - Adopt-A-Trail – On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7596 authorizing the establishment of an Adopt-A-Trail program.

Ordinance No. 2827 – Cannabis Dispensaries, etc. – As public comment, Andy Hoder asked for clarification on the ordinance introduction/adoption process and how it is reflected in the meeting agenda documentation. On motion of

Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2827 amending Chapter 18.18 of the Redlands Municipal Code to prohibit cannabis dispensaries, cannabis manufacturers, cultivation, and delivery of cannabis in the City.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Historical Museum – Mayor Foster introduced Alan Greisemer and Jeff Waldron, co-presidents of the Redlands Historical Museum Association, who reviewed progress to date on the museum and in turn introduced Steve Johnson and Jim Favaro, architects on the project to provide a community center with purpose for Redlands. Mr. Favaro presented details of the pre-design phase of planning for the facility, options considered for the building and reasoning which arrived at the current floorplan under consideration. Costs for the museum are currently forecast to be between \$11.2 million and \$15.9 million. Completion is forecast to be within two and a half years. As public comment, Dennis Bell questioned the utility of another museum, pointed out that projected costs for the facility are increasing and expressed concerns that the taxpayers will have to fund completion of the project.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolutions No. 7537, 7538, 7539, and Ordinance No. 2819 – Diversified Pacific, Applicant – Mayor Foster opened the hearing and called upon Robert Dalquest, of the Development Services Department, to provide an update 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. As public comment, Andy Hoder asked why the property involved in this application was originally designated as Agricultural Preserve. He also read from a September 2013 *Banning Informer* newspaper article and asked for more details on the applicant's real estate dealings history. Ted Gablin, of the Redlands Airport Association, warned that inappropriate real estate development close to the airport will adversely affect the marketability of hangar ownership and the economic success of the airport. Isaac Tate cited federal grant agreement assurances, signed by the City of Redlands, which restrict the uses of the land affected by this application. At the request of staff, and on motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed to table this item indefinitely to allow for additional analysis to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oil and Lubricants Purchases – Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman summarized the City's oil and lubricant requirements. On motion of

Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Van De Pol Petroleum for the purchase of oil and lubricants in an amount not-to-exceed \$38,500.00 per year for a period of one year, with two additional one-year renewal options, bringing the total to an amount not-to-exceed \$116,628.60. Councilmember Barich was absent from the room for discussion and voting on this item.

Grove Management – Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman presented details of an agreement to manage the City's Citrus Groves. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Larry Jacinto Farming, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$296,692.50 annually, for the care, maintenance and harvest of City owned citrus trees.

Police Network Support – Chief Innovation Officer Danielle Garcia presented details on the renewal of an agreement for Information Technology (IT) network support. On motion of Councilmember James, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and Ian Stewart Consulting, in an amount not-to-exceed \$174,720.00, for Police Department IT network support.

Well Rehabilitation – Goutam Dobey, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department provided an overview of rehabilitation required at the Mill Creek No. 2A Well. On motions of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember James, the City Council unanimously agreed that approval of an agreement and construction of the Mill Creek No. 2A Well Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 71263 is exempt from review under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, approved the Project plans and specifications, and awarded a construction contract between the City of Redlands and Legend Pump & Well Service, Inc., in the amount of \$52,790.00, for the work.

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, seven speakers expressed their opposition to a rate increase and suggested other funding sources, delaying or reducing water production costs, more studying of the funding shortfall and rebelling against water conservation mandates to address the problem. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council approved the staff recommended tiered water rates and sewer rates, with an implementation schedule to be completed on July 1st of 2016, 2017, and 2018, and directed staff to prepare ordinances and issue the required Proposition 218 notice for a public hearing. Councilmember Barich voted No on the motion citing his desire for a more rapid approach to pipeline repairs.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Mayor Foster and Councilmembers Barich and James attended the Redlands Chamber of Commerce dinner on January 14, 2016 at which City Clerk Sam Irwin was recognized as Man of the Year for 2015, Ann Bryan was recognized as Woman of the Year, Ken Wright was recognized as Police Officer of the Year, and Shawn Corbett was recognized as Firefighter of the Year. Congratulations were expressed to all the honorees.

Councilmember Gilbreath represented the City of Redlands at an Omnitrans long range planning session at which plans were expressed to take over the operation of the Redlands Passenger Rail system once it is completed.

Councilmember James attended a meeting of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on January 6, 2016 where he received a presentation for elected officials on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison attended a meeting of San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) on January 6, 2016 where the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy was discussed after the regular Board meeting. He also attended the Skatepark fundraiser on January 17, 2016 and was impressed with attendance and demonstrations at the event.

Mayor Foster, Mayor Pro Tem Harrison and Councilmember James attended a ribbon cutting on January 7, 2016 for the new offices of the East Valley Association of Realtors at 820 West Colton Avenue.

Mayor Foster attended a meeting with staff and the Redlands Service Club Council at which a list was developed of proposed projects for the April 30, 2016 Community Day of Service.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to address the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Redlands City Council is scheduled on February 2, 2016.