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 July 20, 2010 at 3:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Pat Gilbreath, Mayor
Jerry Bean, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember
Pete Aguilar, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irvin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jim Bueermann, Police Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Rosemary Hoening, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Councilmember Harrison followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter - Animal Control Officer Bill Miller and Volunteer Lynda Ackerman introduced Tina, a female, seven-year old Chihuahua Pincher mix, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council there are currently 48 dogs, 93 cats and 1 duck at the shelter. Twenty-six dogs and nineteen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.


CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special and regular meetings of July 6, 2010 as submitted.

Ordinance No. 2733 - Zone C-3 Use - On motion of Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2733, amending Chapter 18.92 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to permitted uses in the C-3 Zone. The amendment allows the addition of pet boarding as an ancillary use to pet and pet supply uses. Mayor Pro Tem Bean voted No on the motion expressing concern that pet boarding was not compatible with other downtown businesses.

Ordinance No. 2735 - EV/AP Zoning District Signs - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2735, amending Chapter 15.36 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to permitted signs within the EV/AP Zoning District. The amendment allows two freestanding monument signs for lots fronting two streets.

Environmental Actions and Projects - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to accept a report of pending environmental projects from the surrounding jurisdictions. The report discussed three projects: (1) In the City of San Bernardino, the expansion of a materials recycling facility in the Santa Ana
River wash to provide local processing of mixed-commercial loads, construction and demolition materials, and street sweepings; (2) Within the Redlands Unified School District, plans to modernize the Mission Elementary School located at California Street and Redlands Boulevard; and (3) In the City of Yucaipa, changes of land use designations from rural living, Agricultural Preserve, and general commercial to mixed-use in support of their Housing Element Implementation Project.

CDBG-R Contract Award - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed the Community Development Block Grant - Recovery (CDBG-R) Act Program, Citywide Sidewalk and ADA Ramp Improvement Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and approved the award of a contract to Elite Companies, US, Inc. for the project.

Water Management - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the concept of the Regional Urban Water Management Plan.

Pavement Management - Phil Mielke, of the Innovation and Technology Department, presented a demonstration of the methodology and application of the Enterprise Information Solutions pavement management software. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the award of a services agreement with Enterprise Information Solutions to provide data and software in support of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Pavement Management Program.

Resolution No. 6969 - FAA Grants - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6969 designating an authorized representative to apply for future Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants and entitlement monies. Councilmember Harrison requested staff to present an update of all ongoing or recently completed studies involving the airport area. The target date for the presentation is October 2010.

Landfill Gas Engineering and Reporting - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement with SCS Field Services to provide landfill gas engineering and reporting services for the California Street Landfill.

Landfill Gas Mitigation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement with SCS Field Services to install soil vapor extraction wells for Probe P-10AD gas mitigation at the California Street Landfill.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FY 2010-2011 Budget Discussion - Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer, presented a forecast of revenues and expenditures through FY 2014-2015. The assumptions used for the forecast involved taxes, franchise fees and rates of growth or decline of other revenue sources, as well as the effects of other expenditure demands on the General Fund. The presentation clearly identified the need for a plan to address the long term impacts of short term solutions in budgeting. The City Manager proposed the City Council consider the use of multi-year budgets to address these issues. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Aguilar, the City Council unanimously approved direct city staff to begin a long range financial forecasting and planning process to encompass at least the next five years considering projected revenues and expenditures during that time, that they begin the process by determining how the planning will work by the second meeting in September.
The goal for the staff should be to come up with concrete solutions on revenue or expense measures that will improve the City's financial situation structurally over the five year period. Also on motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved directing staff to provide solutions to balancing the FY 2010-2011 Budget by the end of the year. Firm proposals are to be presented to the Council for approval no later than the second meeting in November. As a public comment, Leonard Goldman discussed a report from the Rand Corporation as a possible way to identify problem areas in running the City of Redlands.

Path to Excellence - David Hexem, Chief Information Officer, presented an update report of the activities of the Organizational Efficiency Team. He highlighted activities of the Civilian Academy to educate members of the public on many aspects of running the City of Redlands. The update also included efforts to acquire software and data to aid departments in a more quantitative approach to decision making, to provide more transparency in government, and to perform department functions. Examples of these efforts include the pavement management program discussed earlier, performance evaluation software for the Human Resources Department, and the Coplogic program which allows public filing of police reports through the internet. The long range goal of the Path to Excellence is to employ concepts such as strategic planning, project based budgeting and performance management tools to enhance city operations and change the way we do business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conference Delegates - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Aguilar, the City Council unanimously approved the designation of Councilmembers Aguilar and Harrison as primary delegate and alternate respectively for the 2010 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

City Treasurer Position - The Council unanimously advised staff to prepare the necessary resolutions to place on the ballot for the General Municipal Election on November 2, 2010 the issue of whether the City Treasurer's position should be an appointed or elected office. The measure will be considered at the next regular meeting of the City Council on August 3, 2010. As a public comment, Steve Rogers expressed his support for maintaining the Treasurer's position as elected.

LED Street Lighting - Fred Mousavipour, of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, presented an in-house analysis and proposal to fund the total replacement of the City of Redlands streetlights. On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bean, the City Council unanimously approved a grant application to Southern California Edison for its On-Bill Finance Program to implement the energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Lighting Initiative.

Agreement Amendment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved an amendment to the agreement with Wackenhut Corporation to provide licensed custody specialist services. The amendment reduces service from 168 hours a week to 80 hours for the same period and reduces costs from $206,912 in FY 2009-2010 to $90,140 for FY 2010-2011.

Resolution No. 6966 - Emergency Paramedic Service Tax - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6966 establishing the FY 2010-2011 rate for the voter-approved special tax for emergency paramedic service.
Resolution No. 6971 - Salaries and Compensation - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6971 establishing a salary schedule and compensation plan for City of Redlands employees and rescinding Resolution No. 6860. As a public comment, Bridgette Washington, of the General Employees Association of Redlands, expressed concern that Resolution No. 6971 is not in compliance with all meet and confer requirements. Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director, assured the Council that all meet and confer requirements had been met. Mayor Pro Tem Bean requested information reflecting the salary ranges that correspond to charts presented in the resolution.

JOINT MEETING - CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution No. 6967 - Conveyance of Shoppers Lane - Mayor Gilbreath opened the public hearing and called for a report from Oscar Orci, Community Development Director, for background on San Bernardino County Assessor's Parcel No. 0169-281-38, more commonly known as Shoppers Lane. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6967 making certain findings pursuant to the Health and Safety Code §33445 for the conveyance of certain property located within the Redlands Redevelopment Project Area. (Also see Redevelopment Agency minutes for July 20, 2010.)

_CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council meeting recessed at 5:18 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:
1. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
   Property: APN 0167-101-15
   Agency negotiators: Mayor Gilbreath, Mayor Pro Tem Bean and Eric Garner
   Negotiating party: Jack and Laura Dangermond
   Under negotiation: Terms and price for sale or lease of interest in City of Redlands property

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

_CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

City Attorney McHugh announced there was no reportable action taken during the closed session. Councilmember Harrison recused himself from discussions with the real property negotiator.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Resolution No. 6947 - Landscape Maintenance Assessment District - Mayor Gilbreath opened the public hearing and called for a report from Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director for background on the procedure for funding a Landscape Maintenance Assessment District. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 6947 approving the Engineer's Report and confirming assessment for FY 2010-2011 for Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No.1.

Resolution No. 6951 - Street Lighting Assessment District - Mayor Gilbreath opened the public hearing and called for a report from Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director for background on the procedure for funding a Street Lighting Assessment District. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council
unanimously approved Resolution No. 6951 approving the Engineer's Report and confirming assessment for FY 2010-2011 for Street Lighting Assessment District No.1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 2737 - Sales Tax - Councilmember Aguilar summarized the events leading to the development of a proposal for a one half percent transaction and use tax measure to be included on the ballot for the November 2, 2010 General Municipal Election. Mayor Gilbreath invited comments from the audience before the Council voted. Many speakers, representing various organizations in Redlands, expressed support for placing the measure on the ballot articulating the importance of letting the voters decide on the additional tax. Those speaking in opposition to the ordinance argued as to the lack of merit of adding taxes to solve budget problems, rather than the question of whether it should be on the ballot. On motion of Councilmember Aguilar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bean, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2737, adding chapter 3.18 to the Redlands Municipal Code to enact a one-half percent (0.5%) transactions and use tax to be administered by the State Board of Equalization. Councilmember Gallagher voted No on the ordinance citing a lack of specificity as to where revenues gained from the tax would be spent. Councilmember Aguilar requested staff to begin work on application forms for appointments to the Citizens’ Financial Advisory Committee prescribed by the ordinance and to provide a guiding instrument for the Committee by the first meeting of the City Council in September.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Influence - Steve Rogers clarified remarks he had made earlier as to the influence exerted by Walmart Company in the June 8, 2010 Special Municipal Election. He said he did not mean to imply the City of Redlands received money from Walmart, but he asserted the area benefited from campaign funds expended and was thereby influenced in voting.

Introduction - Kristine Scott introduced herself as the new Public Affairs Manager for the South Inland Region of the Southern California Gas Company.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required for the evening, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M. to July 29, 2010 to allow the full City Council to consider a second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2737.

The meeting reconvened at 4:00 P.M., July 29, 2010.

PRESENT: Pat Gilbreath, Mayor
Jerry Bean, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember (via teleconference)
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember
Pete Aguilar, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jim Buermann, Police Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Tom Steele, Assistant Finance Director; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director; Les Jolly, Interim Quality of Life Director.
OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 6968 - Sales Tax as Ballot Measure - Councilmember Aguilar restated his reasons for supporting the proposal for a one half percent transaction and use tax measure to be included on the ballot for the November 2, 2010 General Municipal Election. As a public comment, Bill Cunningham restated his skepticism of the effectiveness of the tax to solve the City's budget problems. Mayor Pro Tem Bean said he agreed with Mr. Cunningham that we need to fix the budget, but he said we also need to keep the City of Redlands special while we work on the budget problems. Mayor Gilbreath said she didn't support the tax, but she did support the test of putting the question to the voters. On motion of Councilmember Aguilar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bean, the City Council approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2737, adding chapter 3.18 to the Redlands Municipal Code to enact a one-half percent (0.5%) transactions and use tax to be administered by the State Board of Equalization, and approved Resolution No. 6968 sending question of the adoption of the ordinance to the voters as a measure on the ballot on November 2, 2010. Councilmember Gallagher voted No on the ordinance and No on the resolution. A subcommittee of Mayor Pro Tem Bean and Councilmember Aguilar was appointed to draft the Council's argument in favor of the ballot measure.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Anticorruption Team - Steve Rogers outlined efforts to fight waste, fraud and abuse in government.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, the City Council meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Redlands City Council will be at 3:00 P.M. on August 3, 2010.