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 18, 2011 at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Pete Aguilar, Mayor
Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Jerry Bean, Councilmember
Bob Gardner, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jim Bueermann, Police Chief; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Les Jolly, Interim Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director; Angela Lopez, Human Resources Department

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter - Volunteer Lynda Ackerman and Officer Bill Miller introduced Thursday, a two month old female, Springer Spaniel mix, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter along with seventy other dogs and nineteen cats. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council forty-two dogs and nine cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

Interstate 10 Westbound Lane Project - Carl Baker, Public Information Officer, introduced Dennis Saylor from San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) who presented an overview of plans to widen the westbound lane of Interstate 10 from Live Oak Canyon Road to Ford Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Streets in Disrepair - John Ruiz noted the need for repair of the pot holes in the streets especially Olive and Cyprus Avenues.

Compensation for Service - J.G.N. Iorio asked why only two of the five councilmembers had offered to return the stipend they receive for serving on the City Council.
Open Government - Steve Rogers read from an e-mail he had sent to the Executive Assistant to San Bernardino County Supervisor Neil Derry requesting a meeting with the San Bernardino County District Attorney regarding the Redlands City Manager.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special and regular meetings of January 4, 2010.

Ordinance No. 2745 - Commissions Administration - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2745 deleting Chapters 2.28, 2.40 and 2.68 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the Housing Commission and the Business and Economic Development Advisory Commission and amending Chapter 2.32 of the Code relating to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Boy Scouts Recognition - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the City Council unanimously endorsed recognition of James L. Gates, Mike Hayes, Peggy Meier, Jeff Ng, Ben Parker, and Bill Philips as leaders of the Boy Scouts of America, Grayback District of the California Inland Empire Council, Troop #44.

Sustaining Our Society - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the City Council unanimously approved participation in the Sustaining Our Society community project and television program. The program will feature three qualified families that will receive an opportunity to purchase a foreclosed property that has been abandoned within the community. The property will then be rehabilitated with energy efficiency products and incorporate water-wise landscaping to promote conservation.

Outside City Limit Utility Connection - As a public comment, Steve Rogers expressed concern that the action associated with an application for an emergency sewer connection to property at 1269 Agate Avenue in Mentone constituted an illegal "island annexation." It was pointed out that the Uniform Plumbing Code mandates a sewer hook up when a septic system fails on property within 200 feet of an established sewer. Further discussion revealed that the pre-annexation agreement required for the outside service provision was not an annexation, but an agreement not to oppose any future annexation proposal affecting the property. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the application and authorized the City Manager to execute a Pre-Annexation Agreement required by Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) prior to the City of Redlands providing the sewer connection.

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Local Emergency Status - Fire Chief Frazier presented an update on the status of the Local Emergency Declaration validated by the City Council at a special meeting on December 23, 2010 and included discussion from Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director, Les Jolly, Quality of Life Director and Tina Kundig, Finance Director, highlighting participation during the storms of all the staff agencies within the City of Redlands. To date $63,989.42 has been charged to the storms, $62,851.90 in salaries and benefits for overtime and $1,137.52 for repair and maintenance supplies. An encumbrance of $123,000.00 has been identified to address repair of damage to a concrete channel at 624 State Street. As a public comment, Bill Cunningham indicated there was probably extensive, unreported damage to property in San Timoteo Canyon due to the storms. On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously agreed to receive and file the report.

Crime Mapping - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the City Council unanimously approved an agreement between the City of Redlands and George Mason University for the development of an iPhone-based Crime Mapping Application to assist law enforcement officers with understanding spatial and temporal crime patterns. Specifically, the university will assist with the needs assessment, consult on the development of the prototype application and conduct a technology assessment. The costs associated with the agreement will be entirely funded by a grant from the US Department of Justice.

Resolution No. 7021 - Employer Paid PERS Contributions - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Bean, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7021 reducing the amount of the City of Redlands employer paid member contribution obligation from 7% to 2% for all employees hired after March 11, 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Software Maintenance - On motion of Mayor Aguilar, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved authorizing the Finance Director to pay the first installment of a two-year agreement for the annual and related third party maintenance for the enQuesta application to Systems and Software, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Appointments - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Julie Rynerson Rock to fill the unexpired term on the Planning Commission ending January 6, 2014 and the reappointment of Carol
Dyer and John James to serve four-year terms on the Commission ending on January 6, 2015.

Consultant Agreement - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved a consultant services agreement between the City of Redlands and Watry Design, Inc. for architectural, engineering and environmental services for the Park Once Project, to provide parking spaces pursuant to an agreement with SANBAG in support of present and future expansion of the downtown commercial area and the light rail extension to Redlands.

Resolution No. 7022 - Funding Priorities - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7022, a priority list of City of Redlands projects for Federal Funding consideration. As a public comment, Steve Rogers observed that many items on the list had been submitted before without success.

COUNCILMEMBER ACTIVITIES:

County Visioning - San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will be holding a visioning session in the City of Redlands Council Chambers at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

Homeless Count - The San Bernardino County Homelessness Task Force will be undertaking its bi-annual effort to count the number of homeless in the area on January 26, 2011 from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M., the results of which will be used to allocate federal funds for homelessness programs.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council meeting recessed at 4:10 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:
1. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
   Property: APNs 301-143-036 and 301-191-013
   Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
   Negotiating party: Larry Jacinto
   Under negotiation: Terms and price for City purchase of property.

2. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
   Property: APNs 0167-101-15 and Bear Valley Mutual Water Company shares
   Agency negotiators: Councilmember Bean
   Negotiating party: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
   Under negotiation: Terms and price for sale or lease of interest in City of Redlands property, and possible acquisition of water company shares.

3. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
Property: Crafton Heights Pipeline Company shares
Agency negotiators: Councilmember Bean
Negotiating party: Rancho La Dero Corporation
Under negotiation: Offer to purchase 98 shares of the pipeline company owned by the City of Redlands.

The meeting reconvened at 5:38 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City of Redlands City Council meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M. The Council will meet next at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 1, 2011. Councilmember Harrison recused himself from discussions with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and Rancho La Dero Corporation due to his employment relationships with both parties.