

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 February 2, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Pat Gilbreath, Mayor
Jerry Bean, Mayor Pro Tem
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember
Pete Aguilar, Councilmember

ABSENT

Jon Harrison, Councilmember

STAFF

N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Tom Fitzmaurice, Police Commander; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Daniel Hobbs, Redevelopment Agency Director; Rosemary Hoerning, 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; Gary Van Dorst, Quality of Life Director

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

PRESENTATIONS

Redlands Animal Shelter - Animal Control Officer Bill Miller and Volunteer Lynda Ackerman introduced Papaya, a three and a half year old terrier mix who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council that 32 dogs and 9 cats have been adopted since their previous meeting.

Animal Shelter Donation – Stater Brothers Markets presented a donation of \$3,530.00 to be used by the Redlands Animal Shelter.

Student Commissioners – Mayor Gilbreath presented the two Student Commissioners for the year 2010 who were unable to make the meeting on January 19, 2010: Amanda Ramirez, Parks Commission; and Lindsay Rowe, Traffic and Parking Commission.

Volunteer Recognition – Mayor Gilbreath and Volunteer Resources Coordinator Tabetha Johnson presented a commendation and flowers to Sherri Bigbee expressing appreciation, gratitude and respect for over nine years of volunteer service to the Redlands TV staff.

SB375 Presentation – Executive Director Hasan Ikhata and Dr. John Husing of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) delivered a

presentation on future trends and the impact of SB375, Redesigning Communities to Reduce Greenhouse Gases, on the Redlands area. They projected a population growth to 93,000 for Redlands with an increase of 30,000 jobs in the next 25 years. Mr. Ikhata said that targets for greenhouse gas reductions have not yet been established, but demographic trends will dictate a change in the way Redlands grows. He said SCAG intends to honor the autonomy of individual cities and let each develop their own plans for addressing SB375. SCAG will interface with the state government in developing regional plans. If those plans are not accepted, SCAG will be coming to the cities for support. Councilmember Aguilar thanked the presenters for their efforts and reinforced the importance of the task at hand. Mayor Pro Tem Bean pointed out that an effort such as SB375 can be successful only if the proposals the city is asked to evaluate for greenhouse gas impact are reasonable.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2010 as submitted.

EnviroMINE Agreement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the agreement with EnviroMINE to provide annual sand and gravel site inspections and related services in compliance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act.

Resolution No. 6920 - Fencing – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve fencing within common open space areas of Specific Plan No. 60.

Release of Claims - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve the “Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims” between the City of Redlands and Ashley Cowen.

Eagle Scout Achievement - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve Certificates of Achievement to Patrick Dirks and Benjamin Hamada for attaining the highest rank in scouting of Eagle Scout.

Fee Waiver Request - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve a request for fee waiver by the Boy Scouts of America for the annual Lincoln Pilgrimage.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Hall – Community Development Director Orci discussed the history leading to the requirement to relocate offices formerly occupying Safety Hall. He said the relocation project could cost as much as \$40 million. Contract proposals were presented by Kosmont Companies and Kitchell to provide “as needed” project and construction management services. Councilmember Aguilar articulated the importance of accurately determining project costs early in the process in order to go to the Redlands residents for support. In a public comment, Lt Gen Al Casey (USAF Retired) suggested the tasks described in the contract proposals could be performed by city staff. He also suggested that currently vacant buildings in Redlands could be retrofitted to provide the necessary facilities at a much lower cost. Mayor Gilbreath and Mayor Pro Tem Bean pointed out the building code requirements for facilities housing detainees and emergency response personnel are much more stringent than the code used for buildings currently vacant in Redlands. Director Orci said, however, that retrofitting existing structures will be considered as an option in the planning process. Councilmember Gallagher advised that the previous Safety Hall lasted over thirty years, so the planning for a replacement building has to be done right and consideration must be given to the future of law enforcement technology. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to delay until the next City Council meeting a decision to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract not-to-exceed \$140,000 for project and construction management services for the planning, permitting, design, financing and construction of a replacement safety hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Former Mayor Bill Cunningham did some “back of the envelope” calculations and arrived at total life cycle cost of \$500 million for the new safety hall. He said that was too much to ask of city taxpayers.

Resident Art Anderson asked for conflict of interest disclosures from everyone involved in the Walmart Big Box Initiative decision. Councilmember Aguilar reminded everyone that Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Forms 700, Statement of Economic Interests, are on file at the City Clerk’s office and available to the public for viewing.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council meeting recessed at 4:46 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with labor negotiator - Government Code § 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Steve Filarsky
Employee Organizations: Redlands Association of Management Employees; Redlands Association of Mid-Management Employees; General Employees Association of Redlands (SBPEA); Redlands Civilian Safety Employees Association (SBPEA); Redlands Police Officers Association; Redlands Professional Firefighters Association; Redlands Association of Safety Management Employees; and Redlands Association of Fire Management Employees
2. Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(a) – Two cases
 - a. City of Redlands v. Shell Chemical Company, et al., San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. SCVSS 120627
 - b. The Redlands Association v. City of Redlands, et al., San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 901208

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required, the City Council meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M. The City Council will meet at their next regularly scheduled meeting on February 16, 2010.