

MINUTES: of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Orton Center, University of Redlands, 1200 E. Colton Ave., Redlands, California, on June 24, 2016 at 12:15 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; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Mark Garcia, Police Chief; Danielle Garcia, Chief Innovation Officer; Chris Diggs, Interim Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Chris Boatman, Quality of Life Director; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director; Amy Martin, Human Resources/Risk Management Director

To address Brown Act considerations, Mayor Foster called this special meeting to provide the opportunity for all Councilmembers to attend a luncheon hosted by the City of Redlands Chamber of Commerce.

PRESENTATIONS:

Community Heroes – Danielle Garcia read the citations and Mayor Foster presented awards recognizing individuals and organizations for their efforts in support of the Redlands community. In the category of Beautification Award, recognition was given to the Redlands Community Music Association for the renovation of the Mission Gables House at 1205 Eureka Street. In the category of Redlands Heroes, recognition was given to the Redlands Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the many community work day projects performed within the City. Dr. Chris Martin received recognition for his role as President of the Redlands Service Club Council and his efforts to establish a home for the Youth Hope Program. Elizabeth Escobar was recognized for her many volunteer hours at the Community Center. Hank DeBoer was recognized as a "Good Neighbor" and a great help at the Joslyn Center. Rudy Lozano was singled out as the leading volunteer of the Citizen Volunteer Patrol and his significant contribution to area veteran recognition programs. Redlands employees receiving recognition were four members of the Police Department, Sgt Esteban Valenzuela, Sgt Stephen Crane, Sgt Daniel Sardegna and Shayna Walker, were recognized for their formation of Blue Collar Athletics, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to healthy living alternatives, and Erik Reeves, of the Quality of Life Department, for his tireless efforts to manage the City's urban forest. Lastly, Mayor Foster gave special surprise hero recognition to Toni Momberger for her many contributions to the community and her years of service in the capacity of editor of the Redlands Daily Facts.

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY:

Through a combination of video and live presentations, each Councilmember addressed a separate area of emphasis which occupied the City Council's attention during the previous year. Mayor Pro Tem Harrison discussed efforts to update the City of Redlands General Plan. Councilmember Gilbreath highlighted budget and finance issues. Councilmember Barich discussed ongoing efforts at the Hillside Memorial Garden. Councilmember James discussed the City's historic and scenic preservation programs as well as the management of open space. Mayor Foster's remarks included a review of events on December 2, 2015, when terrorist actions brought the focus of the rest of the world on our own backyard. The Mayor recognized and thanked the City's safety employees for a job well done in bringing the episode to a close. He went on to highlight the fiscally conservative actions of this City Council and the recently passed balanced budget. He highlighted enhancements to the downtown area, on-going and planned, to encourage economic development. Mayor Foster presented the factors bearing on the City Council decision to raise water rates. He also presented accomplishments in the area of infrastructure maintenance and repair and promised the City Council will continue to revive infrastructure, stabilize finances and extend the benefits of residence in the City of Redlands.

As a conclusion to the meeting, Mayor Foster offered those present the opportunity to speak on any subject not included in the special meeting agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Redlands City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None forthcoming

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled at 5:00 P.M. on July 5, 2016.