

MINUTES: of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held on February 4, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. This was a teleconference meeting held at the following locations:

1. Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 2, Redlands, California, and
2. The Old Ebbitt Grill, 675 15th Street NW, Washington, District of Columbia.

All votes during this teleconferencing meeting were conducted by roll call vote.

PRESENT: Pete Aguilar, Mayor
Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Bob Gardner, Councilmember
Pat Gilbreath, 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 Information Officer; Fred Mousavipour, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director; Oscar Orci, Development Services Director

Mayor Aguilar 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:

1. Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation – Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) Four Cases
 - a. Eva Toppo v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1205681
 - b. Christine Smith v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 1311312
 - c. Mamco, Inc. v. City of Redlands, Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIC 1301249
 - d. Geomembrane Technologies, Inc. v. R.P.S. Engineering Corp, et al, United States Central District Court Case No. EDCV 13-01307

The meeting reconvened at 6:07 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Foster followed by 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 “Chew”, a nine-month old male Chinese Shar-Pei, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Officer Miller informed the Council twenty-nine dogs and thirty cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

School Security – Ray “Bill” Miller expressed concerns about the security of Redlands school grounds stemming from inconsistencies between the Redlands Municipal Code and Redlands Unified School District policies. He called for a security audit to coordinate policies such as the hours of permitted trespass within school property.

Cemetery Security – Jack Wilshire and Cheryl Martin requested better security at Hillside Cemetery to prevent theft and vandalism of their family members’ gravesites.

Traffic Safety Hazard – Gary Fisher described incidents of high volume, high speed traffic on Alessandro Road during the commuting hours and requested police patrols to observe and correct the situation. He said the police come when his dogs get loose in the cemetery, but they haven’t responded to his requests about the traffic.

Water Conservation – Andrew Hoder suggested City of Redlands policies appear inconsistent as to water usage when they request residents to conserve water, but require landscaping which necessitates irrigation. He proposed a hotline program for residents to report water abuse and the development of a water usage plan to prepare for the event of a prolonged drought.

Illegal Aliens – Raymond Herrera, of We the People, expressed his disapproval of the presence of illegal aliens in the United States.

Tax Filing Assistance - Sarah Benoit, of Congressman Gary Miller’s District Office, announced details on a free tax preparation day in Loma Linda on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Anyone who is interested in this event should contact Ms. Benoit at the District Office at (909) 980-1492.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the minutes of the special meeting of January 15, 2014 and the regular meeting of January 21, 2014 as submitted.

Tract Map Approval - On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council approved, by roll call vote, Final Tract Map No. 18882, F.H. II LLC, DBA Frontier Communities, Applicant for a twenty-six unit planned residential development on approximately nine acres located at the southwest corner of San Bernardino Avenue and Dearborn Street. Councilmember Gardner recused himself from discussion and voting on this item due to the proximity of his residence to the site of the Map.

Ordinance No. 2744 – Various Code Changes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the adoption of Ordinance No. 2744 deleting Chapter 13.84 of the Redlands Municipal Code (RMC) relating to school impaction fees, adding Chapter 15.56 to the RMC relating to fencing and screening for building and construction sites and amending Chapters 15.36, 17.07, 17.13, 18.12, 18.52, 18.56, 18.60, 18.100, 18.180, 18.200, and 18.208 of the RMC relating to freeway-oriented signs, tentative subdivision map extensions, site plan approvals, vesting tentative maps, building length limitations for R-2, R-2-2000 and R-3 Zoning Districts, bonds associated with the moving of buildings, zone changes, and zoning enforcement, respectively.

Use of Training Facilities - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a facility use agreement between the City of Redlands and the Redlands Unified School District for the use of District facilities for training, presentations and special events during the 2014 calendar year and authorized the Chief of Police to sign the agreement for the City.

Bid Rejection - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the rejection of all bids received for the Orange Blossom Trail Phase 1, Project No. 47015. The bids were either nonresponsive or exceeded available funding for the Project.

COMMUNICATIONS:

School House Refurbishment – This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Foster. The subject will be considered at a later date.

Lobbying Report – Letitia White, of Innovative Federal Strategies, provided a brief report and update regarding the firm’s federal legislative advocacy efforts for the City of Redlands. She discussed the status of a local area flood control authorization from 1986, the municipal bond environment, grants for Community Development Block Grants and the sale of the Brookside Avenue Post Office building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 7363 – City Projects Priorities – Public Information Officer Carl Baker provided details on the derivation of a priority list of City projects for purposes of federal funding. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 7363 approving the list as follows: (1) Safety Hall Replacement Project, (2) Mission-Mill Creek Zanja Flood Control/Downtown Storm Drain Project, (3) Recycled Water Project, (4) Emergency Management Infrastructure, (5) Public Safety Technology Infrastructure, (6) Energy Efficient and Green House Gas Reduction Public Street Light Conversion Program, (7) Park Once Multi-Modal Downtown Transit Center, and (8) Orange Blossom Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail.

Phone System – Chief Information Officer Danielle Garcia introduced a proposal to replace the telecommunications and phone system currently utilized by the City of Redlands. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, an initial two-year agreement between the City of Redlands and IntelesysOne, Inc., with an option to extend the agreement for three additional years, to purchase a replacement telecommunications and phone system at a cost of \$210,000 during the initial 12 months, a not-to-exceed \$50,000 during the second 12 months and not-to-exceed \$50,000 per year for the ensuing 3 years’ optional renewal terms.

Energy Efficiency Strategy – Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas provided background on the development of the City of Redlands Strategic Plan Strategies for Energy Efficiency Program. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, an agreement between the City of Redlands and Atkins North America, Inc., in the amount of \$56,005.00, for an Energy Efficiency Program for Key Decision Makers (Elected Officials, Building Officials, and Commissioners) and a customized Community Action Plan with Energy Efficiency Language and Data. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the remaining \$7,995.00 of a Southern California Edison grant for this project will be utilized for internal staff reporting tasks.

Signature Authority Delegation – Police Chief Mark Garcia explained the need to delegate signature authority to the City Manager, or his designee, to execute certain facility use agreements for the City of Redlands. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council authorized, by roll call vote, the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Redlands and the University of Redlands for the use of University facilities to conduct training, presentations, and testing. Mayor Aguilar recused himself from discussion and voting on this item due to his source of income relationship with the University.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution No. 7355 – General Plan Amendment - Mayor Aguilar opened the public hearing and called upon Robert Dalquest, from the Development Services Department, and Sophie Martin, from Dyett & Bhatia Urban and Regional Planners, to provide details on the process requirements to obtain certification of the Housing Element Update to the City of Redlands General Plan and the derivation of the Housing Element. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 7355 adopting a Negative Declaration and General Plan Amendment No. 2014-1-A (GPA 130) regarding a comprehensive update to the Redlands General Plan Housing Element for the 2013-2021 planning period, pursuant to Article 10.6 of the California Planning and Zoning Law.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Healthy Redlands – Councilmember Gilbreath announced the success of a County of San Bernardino Healthy Cities quarterly meeting hosted by the City of Redlands on February 4, 2014 at the A.K. Smiley Library Assembly Room from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and thanked Fire Chief Frazier for his participation.

Town & Gown – Mayor Aguilar attended the University of Redlands Town & Gown recognition celebration for the 2014 Men and Women of Distinction and observed that the community is fortunate to have such celebrations to applaud the efforts of area leaders.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, Mayor Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 7:06 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on February 18, 2014.