

MINUTES of a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on December 11, 2014, at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT Paul Foster, Mayor
Jon Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Gilbreath, Councilmember
Paul Barich, Councilmember

ABSENT: Pete Aguilar, Councilmember

STAFF Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Dan McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Amy Martin, Human Resources Director

Mayor Foster 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:

Elect or Appoint – Ken Hunter presented reasons in support of electing a replacement for Councilmember Aguilar rather than filling the vacancy with an appointee.

DISCUSSION:

City Council Vacancy – Mayor Foster reviewed the sequence of events which resulted in a forecast vacant City Council seat and summarized the options available to the Council to fill that vacancy. Each Councilmember presented their support for and reasons behind favoring the appointment process over an election. Consensus expressed the importance of including public input throughout the appointment process. On motion of Councilmember Barich, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrison, the City Council voted to fill the vacancy by appointment. On motion of Councilmember Gilbreath, seconded by Councilmember Barich, the City Council voted to appoint Mayor Foster and Mayor Pro Tem Harrison to an ad hoc committee to provide direction and assistance to staff in carrying out a selection process to provide candidates for consideration in the appointment of a new Councilmember to fill the vacancy. The first task for the ad hoc committee is to draft a list of questions to be answered by candidate appointees to aid in the selection process and present the draft to the full City Council at the December 16, 2014 regular City Council meeting. Public participation in the drafting of the question list is solicited. Submit suggested questions, comments and nominations to councilappointments@cityofredlands.org or the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 P.M. Friday, December 12, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further action required, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on December 16, 2014.