

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 June 7, 2011 at 5:02 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; Teresa Ballinger, Deputy 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; Fred Cardenas, Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar W. Orci, Development Services Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director

Mayor Aguilar called the meeting to order and offered those present the opportunity to provide public comment on any item to be discussed in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MOD Packing House – With a full council chamber, many people spoke in favor of saving the packing house and urging the Council to save a beautiful historic resource by accepting the offer to purchase from Clara Mae Clem. Nelda Stuck, the Chairperson of the Redlands Historical Museum Association commented that after waiting eleven (11) years for the Police Administration to vacate the Old City Hall building, they believe the Packing House would be a great alternative site for the Museum. Paul Barich, President Elect of Redlands Chamber of Commerce supports selling to Mr. Krikorian as they believe his venture would bring business expansion, he has a tenant committed, larger master plan, sound economic development, long term revenue generation for the City. Peter Laymon, Jon Mills and Don Gee urged moving forward with the Krikorian sale and bring businesses to the downtown.

CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting recessed at 5:46 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

City Attorney announced that staff has pulled Items 1 and 2 from the closed session agenda and will bring back at a later date. Councilmember Bean recused himself from Item 4b (California Gateway) discussions.

3. Conference with real property negotiator – Government Code §54956.8
Property: APN 0171-053-01 (Redlands Mall)
Agency negotiators: N. Enrique Martinez, Oscar Orci
Negotiating party: Christopher Curry, Howard Hughes Corporation
Under negotiation: Terms and price for possible City purchase of property.
4. Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(a) - Two Cases
 - a. City of Redlands v. Inland Valley Development Agency et al., Orange Superior Court Case No. 680255
 - b. City of Redlands v. The California Gateway, L.P., et al., San Bernardino Court Case No. CIVDS 906028

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Aguilar followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter - Volunteer Lynda Ackerman and Cyndi Dunham introduced two Terrier Mix dogs, Tilly a 3-4 year old female and Lilly a 2 month old female (mother and daughter) who are available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter along with fifty-one other dogs and eighty-seven cats. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council forty-four dogs and twenty-one cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting. Ms. Ackerman also reported a very successful *Details for Tails* car wash to raise money for the spay and neuter program at the Animal Shelter. The event raised \$1,600.00 and she thanked the Community for supporting the Animal Shelter.

Community Service Recognition – Tabitha Johnson presented certificates of appreciation to many organizers, of the very successful Community Service Day on April 30, 2011. Approximately 2,300 volunteers came together to beautify Redlands by replanting the median on Redlands Boulevard between Fern Avenue and Ford Street, and they also restored the benches at the Redlands Bowl and repaired the roof. This project alone cost \$269,000 and without the generous donations of this Community and especially Home Depot, would not be a reality today. George Barich thanked Tabitha for everything she did to make this event happen and presented certificates to Council and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Air Traffic – Brian Roche and Sherli Leonard spoke about their concern with the Boeing air craft that are now flying very low (approximately 1,000 feet) over southeast Redlands since the beginning of the year. Brian called the Federal Aviation Administration for resolve to no avail. He has also placed calls to Quality of Life and the City's Airport office 3 months ago, no response to date. Flights continue. Perhaps the City Attorney could get involved. Amanda Frye suggested talking to Bill Ingraham at the IVDA. Albert Kelley also commented on how low these planes are flying.

Don Wallace - Don clarified previous comments he made. He did not, and still does not, support out sourcing Police and Fire Departments, but felt that the City needed to explore the matter and obtain the costs for a true evaluation. If we continue to defer city maintenance we will never catch up. He felt the budget is only balanced on paper and that everyone should come together and save this City.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

Traffic and Parking Commission - Chairman Don O'Neal presented a slide showing a brief overview of this commission. The success of traffic calming by restriping lanes in various locations in the city has been very successful. Director Hoerning detailed the procedures necessary to request changes for the Commission to review.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2011.

Resolution No. 7050 - Destruction of Files - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7050 authorizing destruction of files associated with the Measure "O" Initiative Petition.

Resolution No. 7049 - Grant Application - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7049 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Transportation Development Account grant opportunity offered by SANBAG to fund the construction of a segment of the Orange Blossom Trail and committing a local grant match amount of 15%.

Agreement Termination – Director Orci responded to Mayor Pro Tem Foster's question regarding assurances for next year. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously

approved termination of a 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Redlands and Developing Aging Solutions with Heart for failure to comply with terms of the agreement and approved reprogramming the CDBG funds associated with the agreement among five other public service agencies within Redlands.

Wii Sytem Rental - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved and agreement between the City of Redlands and San Bernardino County for use of two Wii systems for use at the Community Senior Center.

Concert Fundraiser - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved authorizing Dan Damon Music Productions to present a music concert fundraiser at the Redlands Bowl to raise donations for the City's Recreation and Senior Services Programs and to waive fees for the event.

Fee Waiver Request - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a request from the Redlands 4th of July Committee to waive all fees and personnel costs associated with the 4th of July Celebration in Redlands.

Water Analysis Equipment - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the purchase of an ion chromatography instrument in the amount of \$75,401.37.

Resolutions No. 7040, 7041, 7044 and 7045 - Street Lighting District No.1 and Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolutions No. 7040 and 7044 respectively giving preliminary approval of the Engineer's Reports for Street Lighting District No. 1 and Landscape Maintenance District No. 1, and Resolutions No. 7041 and 7045 respectively declaring the City Council's intention to levy and collect assessments for FY 2011-2012 in the Street Lighting District No. 1 and the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1.

ABC Grant - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously agreed to accept a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) grant for local law enforcement agencies and authorized an additional appropriation of \$25,000 to the Police Department.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Tree Trimming - City Attorney McHugh explained that Southern California Edison is subject to rules of the Public Utilities Commission as it relates to high

voltage wires and the trees clearance to those wires. Southern California Edison representatives detailed the trimming of the trees and how they are mandated to cut to a certain depth and ways they work with the City in trying to save the palm trees. Director Cardenas explained that the City has a contractor that will come in and identify trees in danger of being topped and arrange to remove and replace those trees to save them. Councilmember Harrison thanked Edison for stepping up and communicating with the City regarding this process. Discussion also included Rule 20A and the undergrounding program. Currently costing approximately \$1 million per 2 blocks to underground and the numerous blocks needing it, Councilmember Gardner noted the great expense to complete. City Manager noted that cities usually spread this over a forty year period.

FY2011-2012 Budget – This item was skipped. The FY 2011-2012 budget was approved and adopted at the Special meeting on June 6, 2011.

COUNCILMEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Omnitrans – Mayor Pro Tem Foster reported that the leadership at Omnitrans Board is changing. The new Chairman is Dick Riddell, Yucaipa Mayor and Vice Chairman is Alan Wapner, Ontario Councilmember.

Police Chief Retires - Mayor Aguilar took this time to do a little quick math -- it shows that Jim has been here since the beginning of Incorporation, he has attended 1,000s of meetings, is a lifelong resident of Redlands with his wife Emily, children Jack and Alex and his parents Loretta and Rich. He joined the Reserve police force in 1978 and became Police Chief in 1998. Since that time his innovation and leadership has obtained more than \$10 million in grants and awards for the City of Redlands. A lot can be said but we cannot proclaim “Jim Bueermann Day” so in true spirit Mayor Aguilar prepared a Haiku which read:

Jim’s been here a longtime
Contributions are many.
No way to repay

In behalf of all of us, we cannot thank you enough for your tenure and service to the residents of this Community. The footprint you are leaving is very large. The department, your legacy and vision will move forward in the principles you instilled in the people you lead. Thank you. Jim commented, “It has singularly been an honor to serve this Community.”

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M. The Council will meet at their next regular meeting on June 21, 2011.

Teresa Ballinger, Deputy City Clerk