

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 January 4, 2011 at 3:13 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; Sam Irwin, 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; Les Jolly, Interim Quality of Life Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director; Angela Lopez, Human Resources Department

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter - Volunteer Lynda Ackerman and Officer Bill Miller introduced Rita, 5 year old female, Shepherd mix, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter along with 50 other dogs and eleven cats. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council thirty-one dogs and seventeen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Country Club Cell Tower - Numerous people spoke in opposition to a Planning Commission approval of a cell tower to be built on the golf course of the Redlands Country Club. The speakers were informed that the period for appeals of the Planning Commission decision had lapsed.

Meeting Time Change - Esther Ringer expressed gratitude for the change in meeting time instituted by the Council. She said it would provide more opportunity for residents to participate in City government.

Emergency Response - Amanda Frye thanked the City's emergency response teams for the rapid removal of trees from her street during the recent storms. She also thanked Councilmembers Bean and Gardner for giving up their stipend.

Anti-Corruption - Steve Rogers cited recommendations for fighting waste, fraud and abuse in government.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special meetings of December 14, 21, and 23, 2010 and the regular meeting of December 21, 2010 as submitted.

Ordinance No. 2746 - Council Administration - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2746 changing the time for regular meetings of the City Council to the first and third Tuesday of each month at five o'clock in the evening (5:00 P.M.).

Extension Request - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a request from Citicom Development for an extension of one year for Commission Review and Approval No. 820 (Rev. 1), an approved three building commercial center on 6.65 acres located at the northeast corner of Parkford Drive and Marshall Street in the C-4 (Highway Commercial) District.

Extension Request - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved a request from Pacific Mercantile Bank for an extension of one year for Commission Review and Approval No. 834 (Rev. 1), an approved medical office development consisting of three buildings totaling 122,604 square feet on an 8.9 acre site located at the southwest corner of Alabama Street and Park Avenue within the EV/IC (Commercial Industrial) District of the East Valley Corridor Specific Plan.

Resolution No. 7016 - No Parking Zone Modification - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7016 modifying a No Parking Zone on Clifton Court across the street from Kingsbury Elementary School.

Settlement Agreement Disclosure - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council unanimously approved the disclosure of the details of a settlement and release agreement between the City of Redlands and Dwight L. Flater. The settlement pays Mr. Flater \$7,869.60 for the release of all liability from an incident which occurred on or about September 10, 2010 and which resulted in water damages to Mr. Flater's home.

Local Emergency Status - Fire Chief Frazier presented an update on the status of the Local Emergency Declaration validated by the City Council at a special meeting on December 23, 2010. He expressed his gratitude to all the staff agencies within the City of Redlands for their participation during the storms. No reliable estimate of emergency response and repair costs was available as of the time of the report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ordinance No. 2745 and Resolution No. 7020 - City Commissions, Boards and Committees - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2745 deleting Chapters 2.28, 2.40 and 2.68 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to the Housing Commission and the Business and Economic Development Advisory Commission and amending Chapter 2.32 of the Code relating to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. As a public comment, Roy Cencirulo, of the Recreation Advisory Commission, voiced his support for combining his commission with the Parks Commission, but asked the Council to reconsider the level of cuts being presented in the latest budget proposal. Mr. Cencirulo also solicited assistance from staff to establish a tax exempt foundation to help fund the City of Redlands Recreation Programs. On another motion of Mayor Pro Tem Foster, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7020 disestablishing the City's Trails Committee.

Police Chief Replacement - In response to a question from Councilmember Harrison, the City Manager laid out his plan of attack for filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Bueermann. The intent is to first explore the option of finding a replacement from the ranks of lieutenants currently within the Redlands Police Department before extending the search to a wider population. As a public comment, Bill Cunningham endorsed the concept of hiring from within. A motion of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, suggested the time was right to examine an alternative way to provide the services of a police department through contracting with the San Bernardino County Sheriff. The motion was defeated three to two with Mayor Aguilar, Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmember Gardner voting No.

FY 2010-2011 Budget - Tina Kundig presented a list of candidate actions to be taken to address an \$877,366 estimated General Fund shortfall between the present time and the end of FY 2010-2011. As a public comment, Steve Rogers called for across the board cuts. Roy Cencirulo reiterated his concern that proposed cuts were inordinately biased against the community service area of the Police Department. On motion of Mayor Aguilar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council voted to utilize expenditure cuts recommended by staff in following categories: \$477,227 in services and supplies, \$45,708 in

reallocations, and \$183,060 in cost savings, but rather than accepting staff candidate actions for a \$386,471 savings through layoffs, to utilize \$171,371 in Inland Valley Development Authority (IVDA) tax revenues to balance the budget. Councilmember Bean expressed skepticism as to the dependability of IVDA tax revenues due to forecast tax default rates and voted No on the motion because it utilized extraordinary revenues to address shortfalls and resulted in an insufficient reserve.

NEW BUSINESS:

Development Agreement Review - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, the City Council approved a report for the annual review of an approved development agreement between the City of Redlands and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and determined that the company is in compliance with the terms of their development agreement. Staff was directed to prepare a Certificate of Compliance. Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmember Bean recused themselves from voting due to their employment and business relations with Kaiser.

Contract Award - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously agreed that the photovoltaic system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is categorically exempt from further environmental review in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, approved the project plans and specifications, and authorized the Mayor to execute the contract with Mayans Development, Inc. to install the system.

Contract Award - On motion of Councilmember Bean, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously agreed that the Church Street, Center Street, Alessandro Road Resurfacing Project is categorically exempt from further environmental review in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, approved the project plans and specifications, and authorized the Mayor to execute the contract with Hardy and Harper, Inc. to accomplish the work.

Resolution No. 7017 - Caltrans Grant - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foster, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 7017 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Community Based Transportation Grant application to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and possibly a funding contract with Caltrans to develop a City of Redlands Non-Motorized Trails Master Plan for a system of on and off road bicycle and pedestrian trails.

COUNCILMEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Santa Ana River Trail - Councilmember Harrison expects Phase 3 of the Trail should move forward in calendar year 2011 completing the path from Mt View to California Streets. Phase 4, from California to Garnet Street should hopefully be completed in the next 2 years.

Staff Orientation - Mayor Pro Tem Foster and Councilmember Gardener thanked staff for their orientation efforts to indoctrinate the new councilmembers.

Confire Fees - Councilmember Bean announced budget cutting efforts at Confire will result in about a \$30,000 annual decrease in costs to the City of Redlands for their services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Budget Workshops - Steve Rogers recommended the use of budget workshops for deliberations and the alleviation of the use of a labor negotiation consultant to save costs.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council meeting recessed at 5:51 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Public Employee Goal Setting and Performance Evaluation – Government Code §54957 - City Manager

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City of Redlands City Council meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M. The Council will meet next at their regularly scheduled meeting on January 18, 2011.