

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 March 2, 2010 at 3:11 P.M.

PRESENT: Pat Gilbreath, Mayor
Jerry Bean, Mayor Pro Tem
Jon Harrison, Councilmember
Mick Gallagher, Councilmember
Pete Aguilar, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF: N. Enrique Martinez, City Manager; Daniel J. McHugh, City Attorney; Sam Irwin, City Clerk; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Tom Fitzmaurice, Police Commander; David Hexem, Chief Information Officer; Daniel Hobbs, Redevelopment Agency Director; Rosemary Hoerning, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Tina Kundig, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Jeff Frazier, Fire Chief; Oscar W. Orci, Community Development Director; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources Director; Gary Van Dorst, Quality of Life Director

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Redlands Animal Shelter - Animal Control Officer Ruben Yzquierdo and Volunteer Lynda Ackerman introduced Sparticus, an 8-month old male Chihuahua/Corgi mix who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council that 29 dogs and 7 cats have been adopted since their previous meeting.

Visioning Committee – Mario Saucedo presented a report of the joint efforts of the Redevelopment Agency and the Redlands community. He discussed the history of the North Redlands Visioning Committee (NRVC) and then displayed a video produced in 2008 which highlighted the accomplishments achieved in the betterment of the North side community. Finally, he gave a power point presentation covering a “thank you event” given to show appreciation to the many participants who have made the NRVC a success.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2010 as submitted.

Ordinance No. 2727 – Identification Signs - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2727 amending Chapter 15.36 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to identification signs for projects within multi-family residential districts.

Vietnam Veterans Day – On motion of Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bean, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve a Proclamation declaring March 30, 2010 as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”. Councilmember Gallagher requested and was granted permission from the rest of the Council to present the Proclamation to the American Legion Posts 106 and 650 at appropriate ceremonies.

Park Designation – Quality of Life Director Van Dorst presented a brief biography of Israel “Doc” Beal, teamster, businessman, and builder, who was an early settler in the Redlands area. On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve naming the Beazer Homes Development Park as Israel Beal Park.

Riding Mower - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve appropriation for the purchase of a riding lawn mower.

Fee Waiver - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve a request for Fee Waiver from the American Cancer Society for the 11th Annual Relay for Life. As a public comment, Cindy Capen, a cancer survivor, and “Junebug” Patterson, American Cancer Society staff member, thanked the City Council for their support and made a special invitation to the Mayor and the City Council to attend the Relay.

Tow Agreements - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve a revised form of tow services agreement.

Wildland Fire Protection - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve the annual amendment with Cal-Fire for Wildland Fire Protection Services.

Resolution No. 6909 – SRF Loan - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bean, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve Resolution No. 6909 which authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and authorizes staff to approve claims for reimbursement, execute budget expenditure summaries, and sign the contractor’s release form and the certification of project completion. The resolution also dedicates revenues from water user rates as the dedicated source

of revenue to repay the SRF loan for upgrades to the Hinckley surface water treatment plant.

Resolution No. 6925 – Grant Application - On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bean, the City Council unanimously agreed to approve Resolution No. 6925 authorizing the Mayor to sign a grant application to and subsequent contract with the California Department of Transportation for the City's Americans with Disabilities Act, Sidewalk, Bikeways and Trails Connectivity Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS:

ARRA Webpage - Danielle Garcia gave a demonstration of the webpage link which is a summary of staff efforts at community economic recovery. The purpose of the website is to advise citizens of the purpose for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the specific intent of its legislation, to show the efforts of staff to pursue any and all external funding sources to enhance the sustainability of City functions, and to continually provide updates on the status of different grant projects and awards.

SiteReport Web Application – Phil Mielke demonstrated the results of a joint effort between the City of Redlands, the Redevelopment Agency, the Redlands Chamber of Commerce and ESRI to develop a new web-based service to the public. The web application utilizes Business Analyst Online data and Redlands-specific information to provide initial demographic information to businesses looking to relocate to Redlands.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 6922 – City Clerk Compensation – On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council agreed to approve Resolution No. 6922 changing the compensation for the Elective Office of City Clerk to offer the option of receiving a stipend of \$350 per month in lieu of participating in the health care flexible spending program. As a public comment, Steve Rogers asked why the current City Clerk's compensation was so much less than the compensation of the previous City Clerk. Mayor Gilbreath pointed out that the previous City Clerk had been in the position for 33 years and had accumulated time in service pay increases.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Report - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously agreed to accept the 2008-2009 City of Redlands Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the 2008-2009 Single Audit Report on Federal Awards, the Independent

Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Appropriation Limit Worksheets, the Summary Audit Results and the Management Letter.

Ballot Argument – Redlands Chamber of Commerce President, Jeff Sceranka, presented a ballot argument against Measure O, the initiative ordinance of the people of Redlands adding Chapter 18.275 to the Redlands Municipal Code to prohibit the approval of “Mega-Retail Development”, signed by Mayor Gilbreath, representing the City of Redlands government leadership, Mr. Sceranka, representing Redlands business leadership, Mario Saucedo, representing the North Redlands Visioning Committee, Derrick Olson, representing the Redlands Police Officers Association and Bill Conway representing the Redlands Professional Firefighters Association. The City Council took no action on a ballot argument drafted by Mayor Pro Tem Bean and Councilmember Aguilar thus allowing the community leaders' argument to be used for the sample ballot in the June 8, 2010 special election.

Contract Award – Councilmember Gallagher pointed out that the second lowest bid was submitted by a Redlands contractor and the proposed contract awardee is not a Redlands business. With sales tax considerations, the bid submitted by WEKA Inc. might be more competitive. On motion of Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bean, the City Council unanimously agreed to delay awarding a contract for the Highline Water Main Replacement Project, Phase II to C.P. Construction Company, Inc. to allow staff to consider the sales tax implications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Walmart – David Waters gave a short history of Sam Walton and his successes as founder of Walmart. He spoke in strong support for allowing the proposed Super Walmart to proceed. Steve Rogers spoke in support of the ordinance to prohibit stores such as Super Walmart to be developed in Redlands.

Homeless Appeal – Michele Francis Robinson requested support from the City Council in her efforts to find housing for homeless people in Redlands.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council meeting recessed at 4:58 P.M. to a closed session to discuss the following:

1. Conference with legal counsel – Existing Litigation Government Code §54956.9(a) – One Case
 - a. The Redlands Association v. City of Redlands, et al, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS 901208
2. Conference with legal counsel - Possible initiation of litigation Government Code §54956.9(c) – One Case
3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code §54957
Title: 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 action required, the City Council meeting adjourned at 4:58 P.M. The City Council will meet at their next regularly scheduled meeting on March 16, 2010.

City Clerk