

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 November 2, 2010 at 2:58 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; 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; Deborah Scott-Leistra, Human Resources 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 - Volunteer Lynda Ackerman introduced Scrappy, a ten-month old male, Havanese mix, who is available for adoption at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Ms. Ackerman informed the Council there are currently 52 dogs and 80 cats at the shelter. Twenty-six dogs and sixteen cats have been adopted since the last City Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Minutes - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the minutes of the special meeting and regular meeting of October 19, 2010 as submitted.

Fee Waiver Request - As public comment on a request from the Redlands Bicycle Classic for the waiver of fees related to 27th Annual Redlands Bicycle Classic to be held on March 31, 2011 thru April 3, 2011, Dennis Bell said the costs of the Bicycle Classic are too great a burden on the City of Redlands taxpayers and the fee waiver should be denied. Several residents spoke in favor of the request. Ellen Weisser, James Reed, and Dan Rendler expressed the aesthetic contribution to the community spirit and tradition that makes Redlands a great place to live. Kathy Thurston, of the Redlands Chamber of Commerce, highlighted the impact the races have on hotel occupancy rates, restaurant

business and sales tax revenues throughout the City. On motion of Councilmember Aguilar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bean, the City Council unanimously approved the fee waiver request.

Sobriety Checkpoint Grant - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the acceptance of an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Sobriety Checkpoint Mini-Grant and appropriation of funds from the grant to the Police Department.

Volunteer Recognition - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved certificates of recognition for Rhonda Myer, of the Citizen Volunteer Patrol, and Thomas Cawthon, Citizen Volunteer Patrol Ranger, for their distinction as recipients of State Assembly Public Safety Volunteer Awards.

Commission Appointments - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment/reappointment of the following members of the Recreation Advisory Commission: Donald H. Gifford to serve a four-year term ending June 30, 2014; Todd Gutjar to serve the remainder of an unexpired term ending June 30, 2012; Mary Reyes to serve another four-year term ending June 30, 2014; and Joe Gonzales to serve a third four-year term ending June 30, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

Renewable Energy Project - Graeme Bethell, CEO of Gussing Renewable Energy America, LLC (GREA), presented a summary of a concept to use City of Redlands wastewater biosolids, landfill solid waste and gases as renewable energy sources. GREA is interested in building and operating a gasification facility in Redlands. On motion of Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Aguilar, the City Council voted to approve a funding agreement whereby GREA will provide funds to pay R3 Consulting Group to provide technical evaluation of GREA's proposal and report to the City of Redlands on its findings. Councilmember Gallagher voted No on the motion citing his concerns that the City would be perceived as having an alliance with GREA and thereby become legally entwined when financing is negotiated for the project.

Commission Appointments - On motion of Councilmember Gallagher, seconded by Mayor Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Robert Duron to serve the remainder of an unexpired term on the Traffic and Parking Commission ending December 20, 2013.

Legal Services - On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Bean, seconded by Mayor Gilbreath, the City Council unanimously approved payment of four invoices totaling \$11,038.49 to Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for legal services in

connection with the modification of City of Redlands Department Directors' Benefit Profile and authorized appropriation of funds to cover the payment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance No. 2743 - Tandem Parking for Second Dwelling Units - Mayor Gilbreath opened the public hearing and called for a report from Tabitha Kevari, of the Development Services Department, covering the planning considerations leading to Ordinance No. 2743 amending Section 18.156.460(B) of the Redlands Municipal Code allowing tandem parking to satisfy the parking requirements for second dwelling units. On motion of Mayor pro Tem Bean, seconded by Councilmember Gallagher, the City Council unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2743.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City of Redlands City Council meeting adjourned at 4:12 P.M. The Council will meet next at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 16, 2010.