

MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on October 21, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Present: **Mario Saucedo, Mayor**
 Marc Shaw, Mayor Pro Tempore
 Paul Barich, Council Member
 Denise Davis, Council Member

Absent: **Eddie Tejeda, Council Member**

Staff: **Charles M. Duggan, Jr., City Manager; Yvette M. Abich Garcia, City Attorney; Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk; Phillip Doolittle, City Treasurer; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Brian Desatnik, Development Services Director; John Harris, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Rich Sessler, Fire Chief; Rachel Tolber, Police Chief; Robert Meteau, HR/Risk Management Director**

Mayor Saucedo called the meeting to order and explained that comments could be presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline. He offered the public an opportunity to provide comment on any item on the agenda for the closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Council- Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3):

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency, based on the receipt of a government claim from claimant Martha Farquhar threatening litigation (copy available for public inspection in City Clerk's Office).

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Council Member Davis followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Garcia announced the following action was taken during the closed session for Item C.1. - Pursuant to government code section 54957.1(a)(3)(a) the City Council took action to approve a proposed settlement of a government claim filed by Martha Farquhar based on the following terms: City of Redlands shall pay \$254,341.90 to claimant, Martha Farquhar. Claimant shall release all claims, known and unknown, against the City of Redlands. Motion to approve the

settlement was made by Council Member Barich, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Traffic Safety - Erik Breazile, Roy Miller and Peter Assad urged the Council to consider conducting a traffic survey in response to a fatal traffic accident that occurred near the intersection of Cypress Avenue and Alvarado Street, when an 82-year-old woman was struck and killed by a car as she crossed Cypress Avenue. They represented the neighborhood and said they have witnessed many other serious accidents in the area and cars can be seen driving well over the 35 mph posted limit. They recommended the City install a 4-way stop with a lighted crosswalk in order to implement appropriate safety measures for the community.

Neighborhood Noise & Code Violations — Kameryn Grijalva submitted a petition signed by several concerned residents of Villa Bonita Apartments, located on Orange Avenue. She identified several areas of possible code violations regarding property at 11030 Nevada Street, which include ongoing noise disturbances and possible unpermitted or illegal occupancy. Despite any efforts to notify the property owners of their complaints, the situation has continued to impact the peace, comfort and safety of the neighborhood, and they asked that Code Enforcement investigate this matter.

Various Musings - Dennis Bell voiced displeasure with the state's decision to ban all single-use plastic bags at grocery stores, effective January 1, 2026. He thought paper bags were a sad alternative and cloth bags were a breeding ground for germs. After seeing the Notice of Inviting Bids regarding the Citrus Center Project, he wondered how the City intended to pay for what he considered to be a financial "black hole".

Vibrant FC - Reuben Stadler introduced himself and his organization, Vibrant FC, which he described as a life-changing movement. He invited everyone to attend a celebration on October 22, designed to mark the beginning of this new movement to create a brighter future for foster children.

Parking Violation - Bruce Laycook received a parking violation in the mail, yet no ticket was left on his vehicle. For procedural consistency and to be fair to the vehicle owner, he requested tickets be placed on windshields.

Engineering Analysis - Stephen Rogers insisted that in general, City projects were advanced for Council approval without the necessary engineering analysis.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2025.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8728 Declaring Surplus Land

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that adoption of Resolution No. 8728 is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopted Resolution No. 8728, pursuant to Government Code Section 54221 declaring that certain real property located at 21 N. Church Street (APN: 071-089-13-0000) is surplus land, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to send notices of availability as to the surplus land.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

MOU CAL FIRE Conservation Camp Program

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Redlands and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Conservation Camp Program for the provision of labor and support on conservation, fuels management, and hazard reduction projects.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8729 Workers' Compensation Payments & Settlements

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8729 authorizing the City Manager to approve certain workers' compensation payments and settlements.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Planetbids eProcurement First Amendment

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the Agreement with Planetbids for an eProcurement System to add multiple authorized users. The total agreement amount for the five-year term will increase from \$130,894.66 to \$140,495.19.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Sole Source Agreement Construction Engineering Support Services

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Professional Services Agreement with CDM Smith Inc. is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; agreed to waive competitive procurement procedures and award a \$155,420 Professional Services Agreement to CDM Smith Inc. for construction engineering support services for the construction

phase of the Joint Utilities Laboratory Building Renovation and Expansion Project Phase 1, and bidding support services for Phase 2 of this project.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

In-Kind Request Redlands Christmas Parade

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the event is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized and approved a request for in-kind support in the amount of \$53,140.71; and approved the temporary street closures related to the Redlands Christmas Parade event hosted by the Kiwanis Club to be held on December 6, 2025.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Pest Abatement Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Agreement with Wildlife Control Service, Inc. to provide pest abatement services for an amount not-to-exceed \$225,000.60 for a term of three years.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

League of California Cities Annual Conference Report

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo held October 8-10, 2025 in Long Beach. He was proud to represent the City, and he highlighted a few sessions that were quite informative: Coordinating Emergency Response, Who Does What and How to Prepare, focusing on extreme weather and natural disasters; and "Proactive Wildfire Preparedness Programs for Municipalities", as presented by the City's very own Fire Marshal, Vince Anderson. He also attended the session regarding homelessness, as presented by the Redlands delegation.

Council Member Davis was pleased to speak as part of the Redlands team that presented "How Redlands Reduced Homelessness Through Strategy and Collaboration." Homeless Solutions Manager David Rabindranath, acted as the moderator, while City Manager Duggan, Assistant City Manager Boatman and Council Member Davis each tackled the topic of describing how the City has taken a proactive and strategic approach to addressing homelessness that responds to both immediate and long-term needs. They explored how city leadership worked collaboratively to develop policies, secure funding, and implement targeted initiatives. The session was well received with an overflow capacity. Attendees were highly engaged, asking many questions. Council Member Davis gave a brief nod to Council Member Barich and former Council Member Jenna Guzman-Lowery for their initial drive and commitment to solving the issues surrounding

homelessness. She was also able to attend the session: "Proactive Wildfire Preparedness Programs for Municipalities", as presented by the City's Fire Marshal, Vince Anderson.

NEW BUSINESS

Urgency Ordinance No. 2991 & Ordinance No. 2992 Flood Damage Prevention

Development Services Director Desatnik provided an overview of Urgency Ordinance No. 2991 and Ordinance No. 2992 amending Title 15, Chapter 15.32 of the Redlands Municipal Code (RMC) relating to flood damage prevention and floodplain management. The RMC provides development standards and processing requirements regarding building permits for structures located within areas of special flood hazard as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the applicable flood insurance studies, Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and flood boundary and floodway maps.

The Urgency Ordinance is necessary to preserve the City's present ability to continue participating in the National Flood Insurance Program, and is in conjunction with the normal code amendment process. The proposed amendment will bring the RMC Chapter 15.32 into compliance with the minimum National Floodplain Program requirements.

As public comment, Stephen Rogers said he found deficiencies in the proposed ordinances, and in his opinion, the City has failed to include adequate infrastructure plans to include a CEQA-compliant master plan of drainage with its most recent updates to the Redlands General Plan and Transit Villages Specific Plan amendments. He urged the City to openly communicate with the State Department of Water Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to safeguard the community's public health, safety and welfare.

City Manager Duggan and Director Desatnik pointed out that, as the City's Chief Building Official and registered civil engineer, John Thompson is highly qualified to oversee the flood damage prevention and floodplain management program.

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Urgency Ordinance No. 2991, and determined that the Urgency Ordinance is exempt pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines;

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously introduced, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2992, and determined that the ordinance is exempt pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Adopt Ordinance No. 2990 Amending CalPERS Contract

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Meteau explained that Ordinance No. 2990 was introduced at the September 16, 2025 City Council meeting, and authorizes an amendment to the

contract between the City Council of Redlands and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2990, authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of Redlands and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Contract Award WWTP Hillside Stabilization Project

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris summarized the Public Works Construction Contract with Demo Leaders, Inc. for the WWTP Hillside Stabilization Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$299,828.44. The City's WWTP includes hillside and slope areas that have experienced progressive erosion, creating sediment runoff issues and impacting access routes for operational personnel. The proposed improvements consist of constructing retaining walls of varying heights, v-ditch, v-drains, u-ditch, grate inlets, a concrete block slough wall, and a reinforced concrete stairway. Landscaping and irrigation will be incorporated to improve slope stability, control erosion, and integrate the improvements into the surrounding environment.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Public Works Construction Contract with Demo Leaders, Inc. for the WWTP Hillside Stabilization Project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the WWTP Hillside Stabilization Project plans and specifications; and awarded a Public Works Construction Contract to Demo Leaders, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$299,828.44.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Contract Award Joint Utilities Lab Building Renovation & Expansion Project

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris reported on a Public Works Construction Contract with Elegant Construction, Inc. for the Joint Utilities Laboratory Building Renovation and Expansion Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,097,000. The Joint Utilities Laboratory (JUL) is an Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) certified facility that samples, tests, and analyzes the City's water, wastewater, and biosolids to ensure compliance with regulatory standards and to maintain public health and safety. Since its original construction in 1988, the JUL facility has not been significantly upgraded or expanded, despite an increase in regulatory agency-mandated testing. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within 270 working days after a Notice to Proceed is issued.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Public Works Construction Contract with Elegant Construction, Inc. is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(e)(1) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the Joint Utilities Laboratory Building Renovation and Expansion Project plans and

specifications; and awarded a Public Works Construction Contract to Elegant Construction, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,097,000.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

Engineering Design & Permitting Services Agreement

City Manager Duggan presented the need for a Professional Services Agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for engineering design and permitting services for the site integration of an ultra-low emissions flare at the California Street Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not-to-exceed \$268,200. The existing landfill gas flare system at the California Street Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Plant is over 25 years old and has become challenging to meet current operational and regulatory standards. To ensure compliance and improve efficiency, the City has initiated the procurement process for a new landfill gas blower skid and ultra-low emissions flare. This replacement system will ensure the City remains in full regulatory compliance. The project involves highly specialized technical requirements and strict regulatory compliance and Civil & Environmental Consultants are qualified to provide engineering design and permitting services for the site integration of the ultra-low emissions flare.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Mayor Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a Sole Source Professional Services Agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for engineering design and permitting services for the site integration of an ultra-low emissions flare at the California Street Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not-to-exceed \$268,200.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

PO Modification for Vehicle Lease & Maintenance Program

City Manager Duggan reviewed a purchase order modification with Enterprise FM Trust for the vehicle lease and maintenance program resulting in a total purchase order amount not to exceed \$3,791,433.53 and a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$8,519,823.38. In July 2019, the City entered into a Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for a light-duty and medium-duty vehicle lease and maintenance program. This agreement has resulted in a structured and methodical vehicle replacement program. Modifying the existing Purchase Order for the City's vehicle lease program will carry forward unspent funds from Fiscal Year 2024-25 into Fiscal Year 2025-26. The unspent funds are attributable to vehicles ordered during Fiscal Year 2024-25 that have not yet been delivered and, therefore, were not invoiced within the prior fiscal year.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a \$725,210.49 purchase order modification with Enterprise FM Trust for the vehicle lease and maintenance program resulting in a total purchase order amount not to exceed \$3,791,433.53 and a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$8,519,823.38.

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Fire Department Open House - Council Members all enjoyed the Open House event held on October 18, which proved to be a great success and fun for all.

Mayor Saucedo was proud to attend the 5th annual Redlands Coptober community fair, as well as, a playground dedication at the Boys and Girls Club in Redlands, and supported by District Supervisor Dawn Rowe, the Rochford Foundation and the Optimist Club. He represented the City at the African Harvest of Hope fundraiser and participated in the Measure I Ad Hoc committee meeting considering a possible ballot measure. He attended the Family Services Award Gala, the SBCTA Metro study session, SBCTA Enhanced Frequency Ad Hoc committee meeting, and the ribbon cutting for the Japanese Cultural Center.

Council Member Barich enjoyed the annual fundraising gala event, hosted by Crafton Hills College Foundation, in support of students and programs, including the paramedic program.

Council Member Davis spoke at an event hosted by Riverside County Now, a group fighting for women's rights on the local and national level. She made a presentation to ANCA, along with Kaitlyn Haberlin, the City's Sustainability Coordinator, attended the University of Redlands Homecoming, and enjoyed the 5th annual Coptober community fair.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw closed the meeting in honor of Richard "Dick" Jones, who passed away on October 12 at 93 years of age. He will be remembered for his community service and strong advocacy for education. He dedicated many years to the Community College system, where he served as both president and chancellor of multiple campuses. He also contributed greatly to the City through his service on the Airport Advisory Board. His deep sense of civic duty will be remembered and missed by all. Mayor Saucedo adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on November 4, 2025.

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