

MINUTES

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on October 7, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

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

Staff: Charles M. Duggan, Jr., City Manager; Yvette M. Abich Garcia, City Attorney; Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk; Janice McConnell, Assistant City Manager; Chris Boatman, Assistant City Manager; 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; Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Director; 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 counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
(City Attorney Garcia)

Three Cases:

- a. Rogers, et al. v. City of Redlands, San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. CIVSB2126031
- b. Holzer v. City of Redlands, et al., San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. CIVSB2322787
- c. Miller & Associates, Inc. v. City of Redlands, San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. CIVSB2203755

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Saucedo. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was conducted by McKinley Elementary Peer Mediators.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Garcia announced the following report related to Closed Session actions:

Item C.1a. and C.1b. – There was no reportable action

Item C.1c. – Pursuant to government code section 54957.1(a)(3)(a) the City Council took action to approve a proposed settlement in the matter of Miller & Associates, Inc v City of Redlands, based on the following terms:

- City of Redlands shall have the option to either purchase the property at 611 W Redlands Blvd for \$3.4 million; or pay plaintiff \$2.1 million to settle the lawsuit
- Plaintiff shall release all claims, known and unknown, against the City and dismiss its lawsuit against the City, with prejudice
- The Mayor is authorized to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the City; and a copy of the Agreement will be available in the City Clerk's office once executed by all the parties
- Motion to approve the settlement was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, seconded by Council Member Barich, and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Redlands Pet Adoption

Animal Services Supervisor Joe Alcaez and Kennel Attendant Laura Contreras showed off "Autumn", a four-year-old female German Shepherd, who is available for adoption, along with thirty-eight other dogs at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Mr. Alcaez provided the Shelter statistics for September 2025, which included: 24 adopted dogs and 10 adopted cats.

National Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Mayor Saucedo presented the National Fire Prevention Week Proclamation to Fire Chief Rich Sessler, Fire Marshal Vince Anderson, and Deputy Fire Marshal Justin Day.

Hindu Heritage Month Proclamation

Council Member Tejeda presented the Hindu Heritage Month Proclamation to Roop Goyal, Human Relations Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Taxes - Dennis Bell was opposed to the Council raising any taxes and insisted the voters should be the ones to determine whether surcharges be increased.

School Shootings - Michael Paisner read aloud several names of student victims, ranging from kindergarten to twelfth grade, who were murdered during recent school shootings. He reminded the Council of their responsibility, noting that as elected leaders, their words and actions carry significant weight. He requested they be mindful about who and what they support and promote.

Litigation - Stephen Rogers said the court had ruled in his favor with regard to the litigation he brought against the City related to the solid waste surcharges found on utility users' solid waste bills. These PARIS surcharges should be removed as ordered by the court, but he was concerned that the city may not be meeting the requirements because there was no civil engineer managing the program.

Various - Robert Ceja said that many people were struggling to pay their bills and any additional taxes or surcharges would make things even more difficult. He pointed out that the impact of school shootings affects everyone in such a profound way. He supported gun ownership but thought that stricter gun regulations were needed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation October 19-25, 2025 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the issuance of a Proclamation declaring October 19-25, 2025 as Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation National Fire Prevention Week

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the issuance of a Proclamation recognizing National Fire Prevention Week from October 5-11, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation October 2025 Hindu Heritage Month

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the issuance of a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2025 Hindu Heritage Month in the City of Redlands.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8721 National Opioids Settlement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8721 authorizing the City of Redlands' participation in the National Opioids Settlement with Purdue Pharma and additional settling defendants: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus; and authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all required participation documents through the Opioid Settlement Funds Portal, as this is the only method for execution and coordination of wet signatures would be impracticable.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution Nos. 8718 & 8719 Outside City Water Service Connection

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8718 for a new water service connection to the City of Redlands water distribution system at 1320 Malachite Avenue (APN: 0298-145-30-0000) in the unincorporated community of Mentone; and adopted Resolution No. 8719 relating to Pre-Annexation Agreement No. 25-01.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Annual Review Development Agreements

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, to receive and file the Notice to conduct an annual review of approved Development Agreements in accordance with Chapter 18.220 of the Redlands Municipal Code. The following Development Agreements will be subject to an annual review for calendar year 2024: 1) Mountainview Power Company; 2) Robertson's Ready Mix, Ltd; 3) Cemex Construction Materials, L.P.; 4) Cal-Red Facility, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Redlands Health Services and AV Associates; 5) Redlands Community Hospital; 6) ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute); 7) VPV State Street Village, LLC.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

First Amendment for Video Management System Replacement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the Agreement with CelPlan Technologies Incorporated for Video Management System Replacement to expand camera coverage in the City. The proposed amendment, totaling \$119,020, would fund the installation of these supplemental cameras and the necessary network enhancements, ensuring broader coverage and continued improvement of the City's surveillance capabilities.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Annual Maintenance Payment Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the annual maintenance payment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$118,649.92 for the Police Department's Spillman Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Pavement Condition Evaluation and Pavement Management System Agreement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the Professional Services

Agreement with Bucknam Infrastructure Group, Inc. to update the Pavement Condition Evaluation and Pavement Management System is exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the Professional Services Agreement with Bucknam Infrastructure Group, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$95,593 to update the Pavement Condition Evaluation and Pavement Management System.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Contract Award Palo Alto Storm Drain Improvement Project

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Public Works Construction Contract with Metrocell Construction, Inc. for the Palo Alto Storm Drain Improvement Project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the Palo Alto Storm Drain Improvement Project plans and specifications, and awarded a Public Works Construction Contract to Metrocell Construction, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$83,093.80; and approved an additional appropriation of \$13,093.80 from the Storm Drain Fund (405) unassigned fund balance.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Water Utility and Wastewater Utility Rate Study Services Agreement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Raftelis is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(B)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the Professional Services Agreement with Raftelis to prepare a Water Utility and Wastewater Utility Rate Study for a value not-to-exceed \$154,888.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

PO Extension with USALCO for FY 25/26

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the annual Purchase Order extension with USALCO for FY 25/26 is exempt from environmental review pursuant to section 15301 of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the annual Purchase Order extension with USALCO for FY 25/26 for an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00. The Water Utility Division operates and maintains two conventional surface water treatment plants that utilize an Aluminum Chlorohydrate solution for primary coagulation.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Traffic Regulations Resolution No. 8717 STOP Control

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the adoption of Resolution No. 8717 is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State's guidelines

implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopted Resolution No. 8717, to implement a STOP control on the eastbound Florida Street/17th Street intersection.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

In-Kind Support Citrus Valley Band Tournament

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker reviewed the request for in-kind support in the amount of \$2,250.00 related to the Citrus Valley Band Tournament hosted by the Citrus Valley Music Boosters on October 11, 2025. Mayor Saucedo introduced a few members of the Citrus Valley Band who described this event as the largest fundraiser of the year, and they invited everyone to attend and support the performing bands.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the 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 the expenditure of city resources, in-kind support, in the amount of \$2,250.00 related to the Citrus Valley Band Tournament, hosted by the Citrus Valley Music Boosters on October 11, 2025; approved temporary street closures related to this event to be held on October 11, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

REVEL Big Bear Marathon Event Temporary Street Closure Request

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the 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; and approved the request for the temporary street closure of San Bernardino Avenue and the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages related to the REVEL Big Bear Marathon event hosted by the Brooksee Foundation on November 8, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

In-Kind Support Veterans Day Parade Event

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker introduced the request for in-kind support in the amount of \$21,301.00 related to the Veterans Day Parade event hosted by the Redlands Hometown Heroes Foundation on November 11, 2025. As public comment, Mick Gallagher, Board Chair of the Hometown Heroes Foundation, announced that this marks the twelfth year of the parade, which has proven to be a great success and honors all veterans. This year also marks the 250th anniversary of the United States Army, U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, and the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. He thanked the Council and the City, at large, for their ongoing support of veterans and invited everyone to attend.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the approval of the event, hosted by the Redlands Hometown Heroes Foundation, is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized the expenditure of city resources, in-kind support in the amount of \$21,301.00, and

temporary street closures related to this event; and authorized the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages during the Veterans Day Parade to be held on November 11, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

In-Kind Support Resident Expo hosted by Redlands Visitor Center

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the 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; and authorized the expenditure of city resources, in-kind support in the amount of \$900.00 related to the Resident Expo hosted by the Redlands Visitor Center; and approved temporary street closures related to the event to be held on November 8, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

Cancellation January 6, 2026 City Council Meeting

Mayor Saucedo opened the discussion and recommended the Council cancel the January 6, 2026, regular meeting of the City Council in light of the December holiday closure. The next regular meeting will be held on January 20, 2026.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the cancellation of the January 6, 2026, regular meeting of the City Council in light of the December holiday closure. The next regular meeting will be held on January 20, 2026.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Paramedics Parcel Assessment and Analysis

Management Services/Finance Director Garcia presented the results of the preliminary analysis relating to Paramedics Parcel Assessment and outlined potential next steps. The report provided updated information on the cost of providing paramedic services vis-à-vis the revenue collected from the Paramedics Parcel Tax. Current paramedic program expenses include personnel (e.g., paramedic pay incentive for firefighter rank through captain rank, EMS Coordinator and Medical Director), required medications and equipment, and clinical consumables / patient care supplies (i.e., bandages, syringes, etc.).

This additional analysis is intended to clarify accounting and budgeting practices that may have complicated the way paramedic service costs have appeared in prior reports. Revenue in this category is collected from each non-vacant parcel within City limits. The City Council authorizes this levy every summer for placement on the tax roll for the ensuing fiscal year. The County Assessor's office collects this and all other property-related charges from property owners and remits corresponding amounts to the City directly through the special assessment process. As of the City's most recent request to add the paramedics tax to the County's tax roll for FY 2025-2026, there were 21,242 parcels upon which this levy was added. Vacant and irrigated parcels are excluded from this assessment.

Paramedics Services — Fiscal Year 2025 Analysis

- Program Costs: \$1,276,000
- Program Revenue: \$1,146,200
- Variance: +\$129,800

Director Garcia pointed out that the variance of \$129,800, can be managed within existing General Fund appropriations. She said staff can continue to periodically assess the costs of the paramedic program every 3 to 5 years. As public comment, Bill Blankenship thought the Paramedica Parcel Assessment program was structurally sound, and the numbers themselves were proof that a ballot measure was unnecessary. Andy Hoder questioned whether the city could establish an exemption or "benefit assessment" for veterans to adjust their Paramedic Parcel Assessment. Council Members thanked staff for their thorough analysis. They discussed their preferences, and it was determined that at this time, they were not inclined to put forward a ballot measure to the voters. With no motion made, the matter was tabled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution Nos. 8722 and 8723 CFD 2004-1 Annexation No. 28

Mayor Saucedo opened the public hearing and called on Development Services Director Desatnik for a report on Resolution Nos. 8722 and 8723 and a request from KL LB Buy 2, LLC and Tri Pointe Homes IE-SD, Inc., regarding the annexation of approximately 37.87 acres of land located at the southwest corner of San Bernardino Avenue and Wabash Avenue. If approved, the action would annex territory to Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 for the purposes of performing maintenance of street trees within the street right-of-way adjacent to Tract Map No 20473, and any other public services authorized by the act.

City Clerk Donaldson agreed to hold the special election within the annexing territory on October 7, 2025. As public comment, Stephen Rogers claimed that the Tri Pointe IE-SD development was processed fraudulently, which he reported as illegal activity to Police Chief Tolber and to the fraud division of the County DA's office. City Manager Duggan and City Attorney Garcia clarified to say the city takes these allegations seriously and has thoroughly reviewed and vetted the matter.

With no further comments, Mayor Saucedo closed the public hearing. City Clerk Donaldson conducted the special election and announced the results, with Tri Pointe Homes voting 2 Yes to 0 No and KL LB Buy 2, LLC voting 37 Yes and 0 No, for a total of 39 Yes votes to 0 No votes, determining the required two-thirds of the votes cast were in favor of levying the tax.

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that adoption of Resolution Nos. 8722 and 8723 are not subject to environmental review pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act, as the adoption of these Resolutions does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment; On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 8722, calling a special election of the question of levying special taxes within the territory to be annexed to CFD No. 2004-1 and On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 8723 declaring t 8723 declaring the voting results (39 Yes to 0 No votes) of the special election of

Annexation No. 28 to Community Facilities District No. 2004-1, were in favor of levying the tax, and therefore, the territory will be annexed to the CFD No. 2004-1.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution Nos. 8724 and 8725 CFD No. 2004-1 Annexation No. 30

Mayor Saucedo opened the public hearing and called on Development Services Director Desatnik for a report on Resolution Nos. 8724 and 8725 and a request from Meritage Homes of California, Inc., a California corporation, to annex approximately 12.05 acres of land located on the north side of West Pioneer Avenue and east of I-210. If approved the territory would be annexed to Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (CFD) for the purposes of performing maintenance of a parking lot, infiltration basin, storm water treatment devices, landscaping, and street trees within lettered lot "I", lettered lot "F" and street right-of-way adjacent to Tract Map No 20528, and any other public services authorized by the act. The Notice of Hearing was published and mailed as required by law.

City Clerk Donaldson agreed to hold the special election within the annexing territory on October 7, 2025. With no further comments, Mayor Saucedo closed the public hearing. City Clerk Donaldson conducted the special election and announced that Meritage Homes of California voted 13 Yes to 0 No votes, determining the required two-thirds of the votes cast were in favor of levying the tax.

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that adoption of Resolution Nos. 8722 and 8723 are not subject to environmental review pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act, as the adoption of these Resolutions does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment; On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 8724, calling a special election of the question of levying special taxes within the territory to be annexed to CFD No. 2004-1 and On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 8725 declaring the voting results (13 Yes to 0 No votes) of the special election of Annexation No. 30 to Community Facilities District No. 2004-1, were in favor of levying the tax, and therefore, the territory will be annexed to the CFD No. 2004-1.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2990 Amendment to CalPERS Contract

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Meteau provided background on Ordinance No. 2990 authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Redlands and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System. On September 16, 2025, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Intention as the initial step in the formal contract amendment process with the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). The proposed amendment seeks to remove the current language excluding hourly employees from CalPERS membership, which is currently embedded in the contract between the City and the CalPERS Board of Administration. The next step in the

process is for the City to introduce and adopt an Ordinance authorizing the amendment to the contract, which then allows CalPERS to proceed with the preparation of the final amendment documents for consideration at a future City Council meeting. It is CalPERS' recommendation to remove the exclusion and utilize Government Code section 20305.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

WWTP Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project Agreement

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris explained the need for a Non-Professional Services Agreement with Sentry Equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$529,337.60, which includes a ten percent contingency allowance. Sentry Equipment Corp. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid for this project.

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project is exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15302(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the Non-Professional Services Agreement with Sentry Equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$529,337.60.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

First Amendment to Contract for 2023 CIP Water Pipeline and Highline Replacement Project

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris highlighted the salient facts of the First Amendment to the Public Works Construction Contract with MCC Pipeline, Inc. for the 2023 CIP Water Pipeline and Highline Replacement Project, which would increase the Contract contingency amount by \$480,000. The additional work includes the installation of approximately 600 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron pipe, 1,700 linear feet of PVC service pipe, and 225 linear feet of copper service pipe. Additionally, the street pavement conditions within the project corridor necessitated additional pavement restoration beyond the quantities originally anticipated in the contract. These adjustments were required to maintain service continuity and restore the impacted public rights-of-way to acceptable standards.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the First Amendment to the Public Works Construction Contract with MCC Pipeline, Inc. for the 2023 CIP Water Pipeline and Highline Replacement Project to increase the contract contingency amount by \$480,000; and authorized an additional appropriation in the amount of \$480,000 from Water Fund.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Landscape Maintenance Services Agreement for Museum of Redlands

Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker presented the Non-Professional Services Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc. for the Museum of Redlands Landscape Maintenance services for a two-year initial term and the option to extend the initial term by one additional one-year term, on the same terms and conditions, for an amount not to exceed \$125,182.

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 Non-Professional Services Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc. for Museum of Redlands landscape maintenance services is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301(h) of the CEQA Guidelines; and approved the Non-Professional Services Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, Inc. for a two (2) year initial term and the option to extend the initial term by one (1) additional one-year term, on the same terms and conditions, for an amount not to exceed \$125,182.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Holiday Decor and Installation Services Agreement

Facilities and Community Services Department Director Crocker introduced an agreement with Southern California Lighting Inc., DBA The Christmas Kings for holiday decor and installation services for a one-year initial term and the option to extend the initial term by two additional one-year terms for the downtown area in an amount not-to-exceed \$440,400.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the agreement is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the agreement with Southern California Lighting Inc., DBA The Christmas Kings for holiday decor and installation services for the downtown area for a one (1) year initial term and the option to extend the initial term by two (2) additional one-year terms, in an amount not-to-exceed \$440,400.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Citrus Grove Farming Services Agreement

Facilities and Community Services Director Tabitha Crocker detailed the agreement with Larry Jacinto Farming, Inc. for as-needed Citrus Grove Farming Services of City-owned citrus groves for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,316,612 for a period of up to three years. The City employs a balanced approach, using a combination of in-house staff and specialized contractual services to meet operational needs in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The proposed agreement with Larry Jacinto Farming, Inc. establishes a comprehensive scope of services necessary to sustain the City's citrus program.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Mayor Mario Saucedo, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a Non-Professional Services Agreement with Larry Jacinto Farming Inc. for as-needed Citrus Grove Farming Services is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301(h) of the CEQA Guidelines; and approved the agreement with Larry Jacinto Farming, Inc. for as-needed Citrus Grove Farming

Services of City-owned citrus groves for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,316,612 for a period of up to three years.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8727 Ceasing Transfers of Solid Waste Rate Revenues to PARIS Program

Assistant City Manager Boatman provided context surrounding Resolution No. 8727 confirming solid waste rates and ceasing transfers of solid waste rate revenues to the PARIS program. In the case of Rogers v. City of Redlands, the Court ruled that the City could no longer use solid waste utility rates to fund the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS), which has supported local street repair efforts. The Court's order is now final, and the City must comply by removing the PARIS transfer from its solid waste rate structure.

In September 2025, R3 prepared updates to the 2024 Rate Study to reflect new operational and regulatory information. Key adjustments reflected in the 2025 update include: 1) Eliminating the annual \$1,885,248 transfer from the Solid Waste Fund to the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) beginning in FY 2025-26; 2) Updating the vehicle replacement schedule so aging units are replaced at the end of their useful lives (reversing timelines that extended beyond normal expectations in the 2024 Rate Study); 3) Costs for CARB ACF compliance, including purchase of ZEV solid waste collection vehicles and charging infrastructure, which are currently projected at roughly twice the cost of conventional internal combustion engine collection vehicles.

With the updated analysis, R3 concluded that the Council-approved adjustments for January 1, 2026, 2027 and 2028 remain necessary and appropriate to fund projected expenses and maintain minimum working reserves. If approved, this resolution will:

- Confirm compliance with the Court's order by ending the PARIS transfer from solid waste rates
- Confirm that existing rates are appropriate and necessary to fund ongoing costs
- Direct future funding toward vehicle replacement and State-mandated clean fleet requirements, rather than street repairs; and
- Ensure compliance with the Court's judgment while maintaining stable rates for customers and responsibly addressing the long-term sustainability of the solid waste utility.

As public comment, Dennis Bell was displeased this item was placed at the back of the agenda, and he thought the PARIS surcharge was based on a faulty premise that trash trucks were tearing up city streets. Instead, he thought it was due to the Council prioritizing cultural amenities over infrastructure. Stephen Rogers urged the Council to deny this resolution and what he called a short-sighted attempt to sidestep the fact that the Redlands utility rate payers have been overcharged over the last twelve years for an illegal surcharge. He thought the City should reimburse trash utility rate payers for this surcharge.

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council adopted, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8727 confirming solid waste rates and ceasing transfers of solid waste rate revenues to the PARIS program.

Vote: 4 - 1 Passed

NAY: Council Member Paul Barich

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Saucedo attended the SBCTA monthly meeting, participated in the Garner Holt Public Safety Awards event, and the Chaplin luncheon at the Redlands Community Hospital. He was a part of the Dusshera Fest, highlighting Indian culture, dance and music, at Israel Beal Park, and he was honored to read to students at the Smiley Library Family Days in the Reading Room.

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw submitted his report of activities for the month of September 2025, as available online and attached to the staff report.

Council Member Barich enjoyed the Dinner at the Grove (held instead at Esri, due to rain), in support of Family Services of Redlands and attended the 14th Annual Redlands Optimist Club Oktoberfest Event at Sylvan Park.

Council Member Tejeda attended a luncheon, hosted by Assemblymember James Ramos, to celebrate the successful passage of AB 53. The bill created the first ever state tax exemption on military pensions for retirees and their survivors, enjoyed the Movies @ the Park, and represented the City at the US Bangla Association event.

Council Member Davis participated in the Annual Believe Walk event and presented a Certificate of Recognition to students at the School of Public Policy at UC Riverside.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action required the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on October 21, 2025.

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